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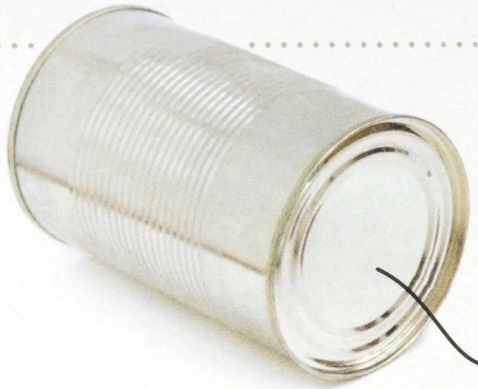

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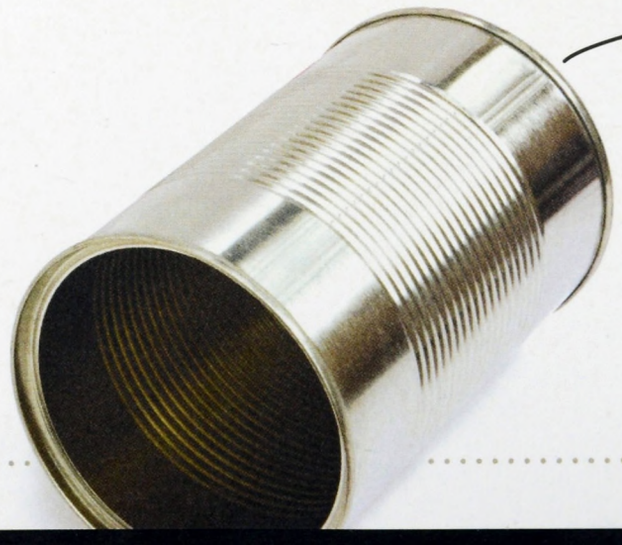


By Ellen Hinsey, *International Correspondent,* New England Review

Under Pressure

One year ago, in November 2013, following Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych's sudden reversal on a pro-European treaty, thousands of Ukrainians took to the streets to protest his decision and, more generally, to demand greater democratic reforms for their country.

During the first few weeks of demonstrations—organized in great part by young people—inhabitants of Kiev brought sandwiches and other provisions to protesters. For four months, they braved extreme winter weather and, though they were unable to foresee the tragic challenges that lay ahead, they remained true to their vision of a renewed, democratic Ukraine.

In August, China's Standing Committee of the National People's Congress announced electoral reforms for Hong Kong. Fearing the proposed changes might ultimately result in an imposed, preselected leader, students began to demonstrate in the city's center.

In both these cases, not just students but people of all ages courageously put aside the demands of their daily lives to fight for something that, no matter how cynically it's sometimes portrayed, remains remarkable in the human spirit: the desire to live without fear.

When we reflect on such courageous acts, sometimes it's difficult to discern what comprises their extraordinary nature. Are we moved by stories of endurance, of people withstanding subzero temperatures? Or do we respond to the ability to persevere despite uncertainty? Or the drive to "speak truth to power"? The great Silver Age Russian poet Anna Akhmatova reflected on this matter for years and suggested there were several elements that make up the complex faces of *courage, daring,* and *fortitude*.

In this edition of *Middlebury Magazine*, we find a wealth of these different elements, whether it be World War II veteran Frederick Kelly's story of flying behind enemy lines to drop supplies to the French Resistance, or journalist Zaheena Rasheed's return to the Maldives immediately following its 2012 political crisis, along with her resolve to uncover the circumstances surrounding a fellow reporter's disappearance—this despite threats on her life.

Sometimes, though, courage can be less public and more intimate—but no less moving. Consider Daphne Perry's unflinching battle with breast cancer, or Hannah Quinn's hope to create a community that can address depression's challenges. We also find here miraculous stories, including Chime Dolma's account of being a young girl leaving Tibet and having, because the Chinese authorities had accused her father of dissent, to be transported for two months in a box.

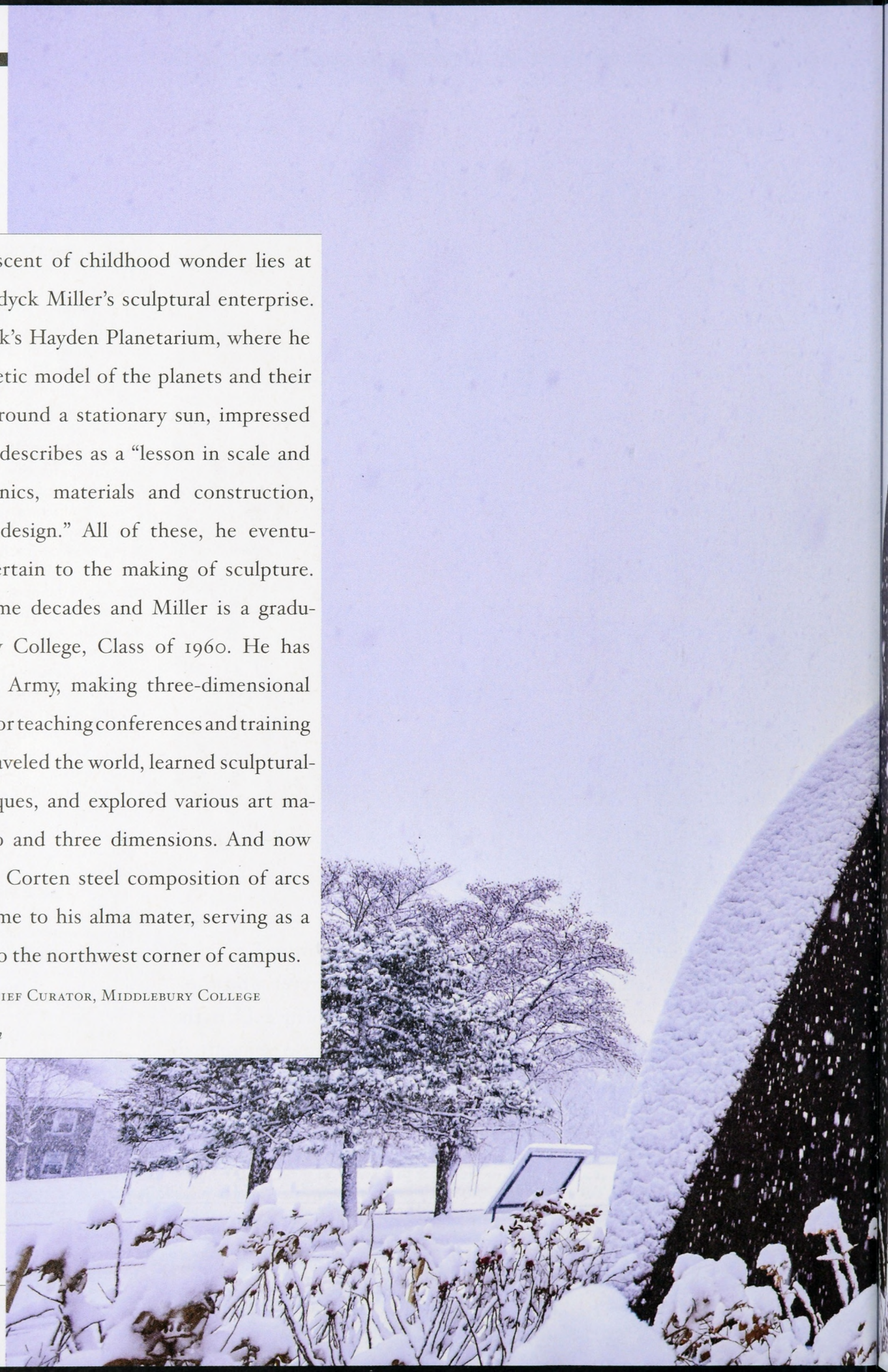
Based on her experiences living in a dictatorship, Akhmatova came to believe that *fortitude* is one of courage's most critical components. Many people can be daring, but to have fortitude requires an inner form of strength that sets it apart from daily life. The stories recounted here are all testimonies to this fortitude, and to the human capacity to endow with meaning those old but potent words that, despite their threadbare use, still move mountains: *freedom* and *truth*.

COVER AND ABOVE ILLUSTRATIONS BY JODY HEWGILL

Watch an interview with the artist at go.middlebury.edu/youbie.

Something reminiscent of childhood wonder lies at the heart of J. Pindyck Miller's sculptural enterprise. A visit to New York's Hayden Planetarium, where he encountered a kinetic model of the planets and their moons revolving around a stationary sun, impressed him with what he describes as a "lesson in scale and increment, mechanics, materials and construction, architecture, and design." All of these, he eventually discovered, pertain to the making of sculpture. ¶ Fast forward some decades and Miller is a graduate of Middlebury College, Class of 1960. He has served in the U.S. Army, making three-dimensional models and charts for teaching conferences and training manuals. He has traveled the world, learned sculptural-fabrication techniques, and explored various art materials in both two and three dimensions. And now his largest work, a Corten steel composition of arcs and lintels, has come to his alma mater, serving as a dramatic gateway to the northwest corner of campus.

By Emmie Donadio, Chief Curator, Middlebury College Museum of Art
Photograph by Brett Simison



Standing nearly 10 feet high, *Youbie Obie* is a gift to the College from the couple who originally commissioned the work.

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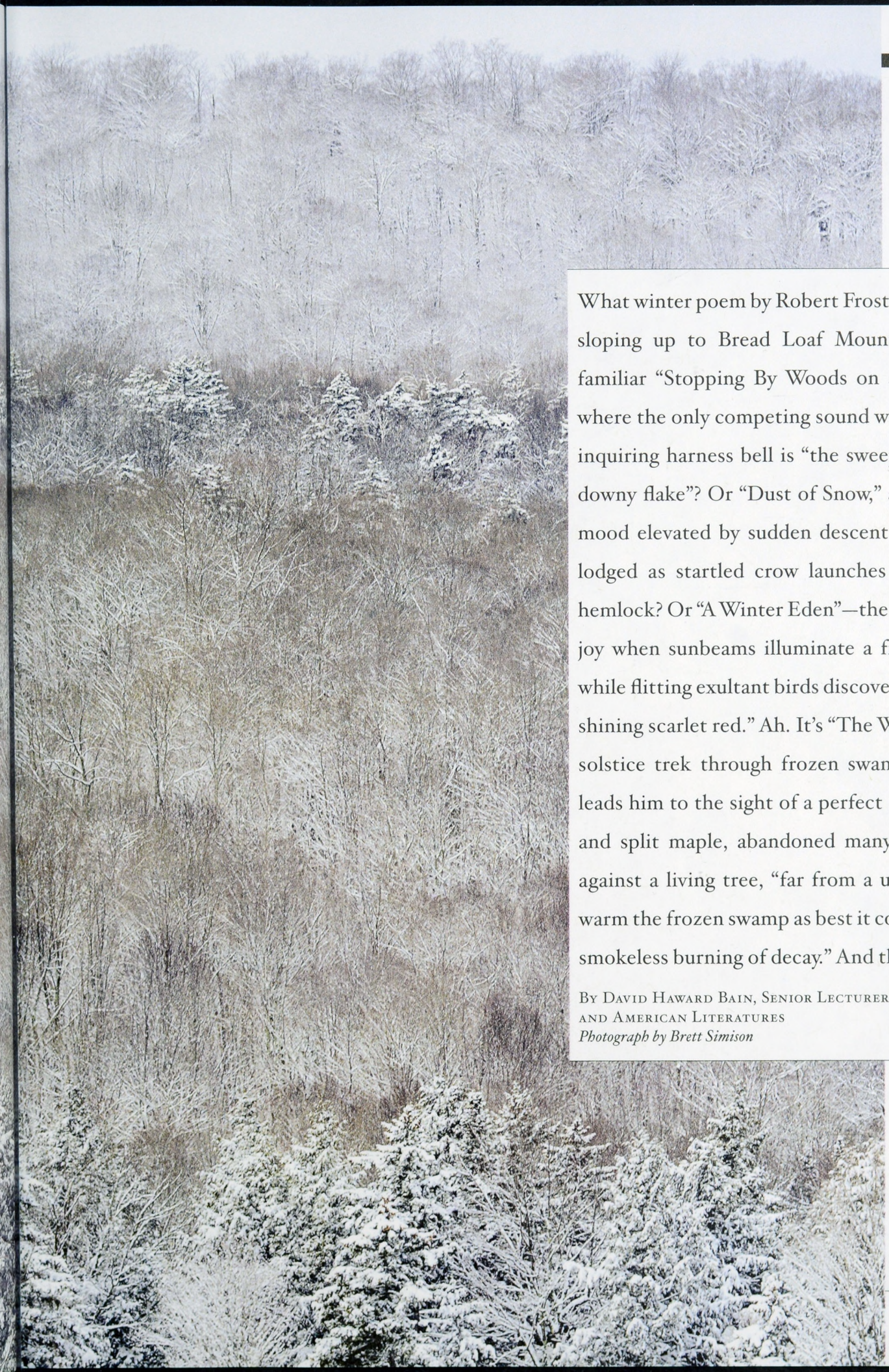

What winter poem by Robert Frost to read to the trees sloping up to Bread Loaf Mountain? Would it be familiar "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening," where the only competing sound with his little horse's inquiring harness bell is "the sweep of easy wind and downy flake"? Or "Dust of Snow," a hike's dark rueful mood elevated by sudden descent of snowflakes dislodged as startled crow launches from overhanging hemlock? Or "A Winter Eden"—the rise of a wanderer's joy when sunbeams illuminate a frozen alder swamp while flitting exultant birds discover "last year's berries shining scarlet red." Ah. It's "The Wood-Pile," another solstice trek through frozen swamp—and a shy bird leads him to the sight of a perfect stacked cord of cut and split maple, abandoned many years ago to lean against a living tree, "far from a useful fireplace / To warm the frozen swamp as best it could / With the slow smokeless burning of decay." And the forest lives on.

By David Haward Bain, Senior Lecturer in English and American Literatures
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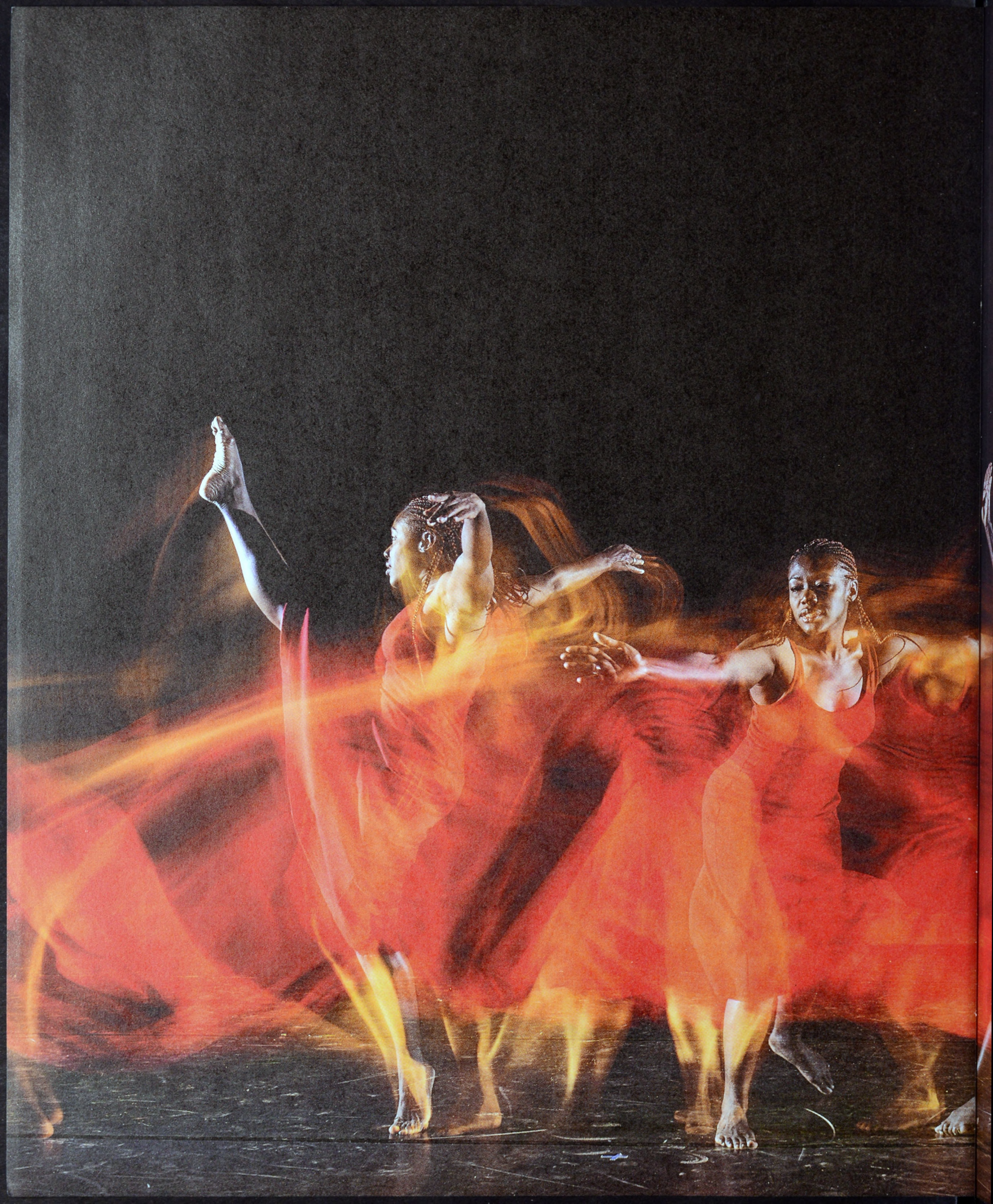
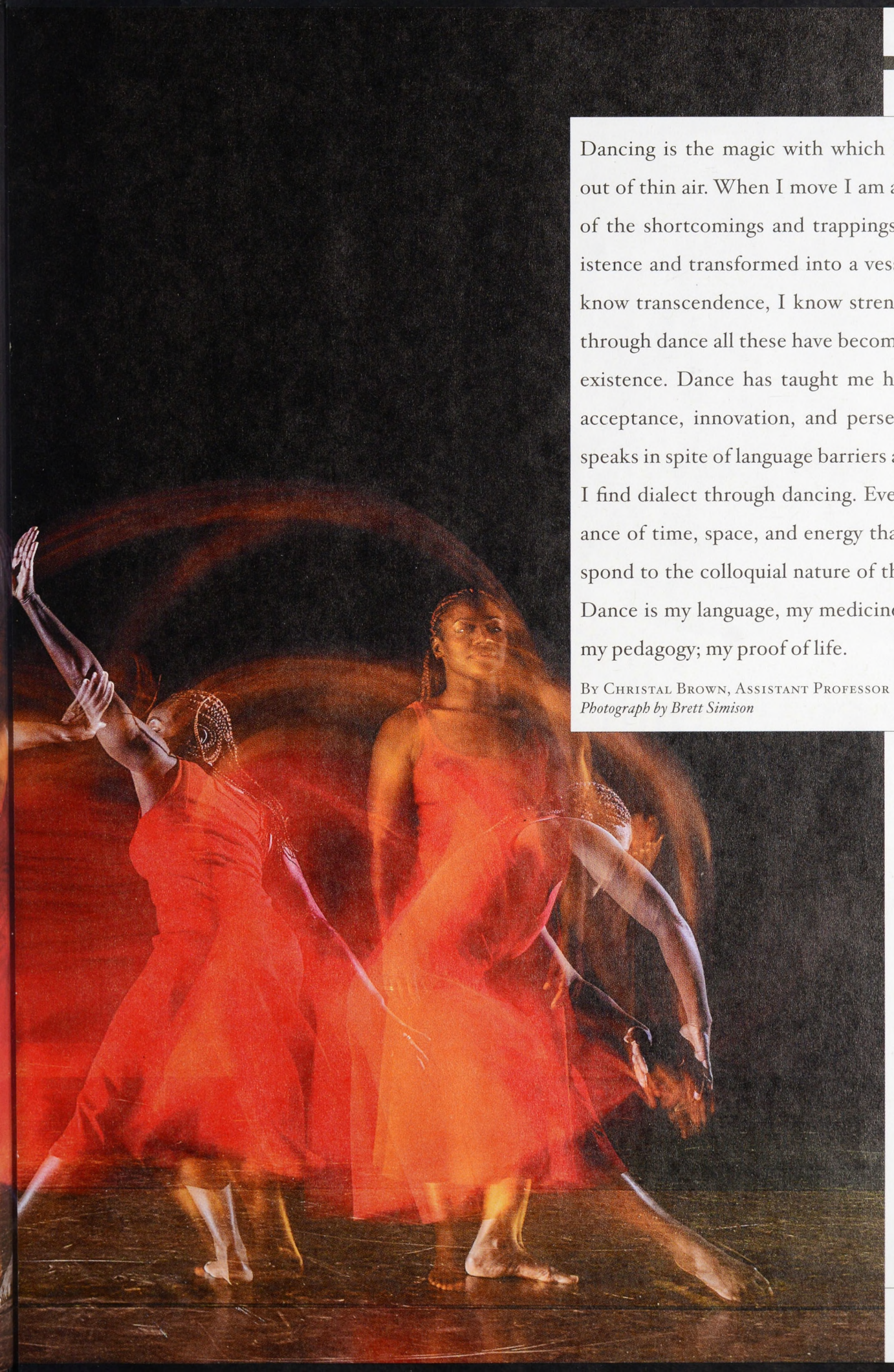
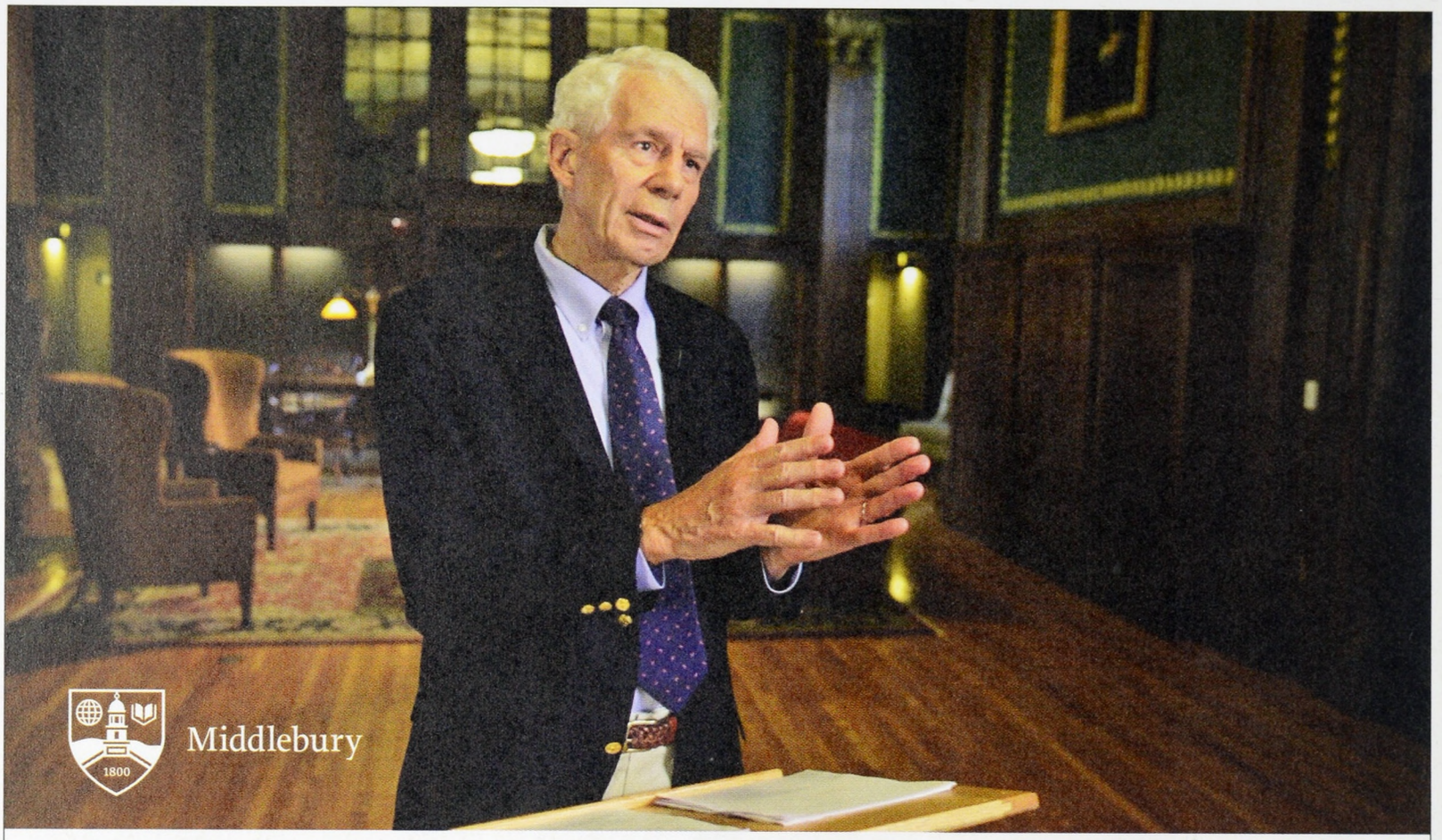




Dancing is the magic with which I conjure meaning out of thin air. When I move I am all at once emptied of the shortcomings and trappings of my human existence and transformed into a vessel of the divine. I know transcendence, I know strength, I know truth; through dance all these have become my modalities of existence. Dance has taught me humility, discipline, acceptance, innovation, and perseverance. My body speaks in spite of language barriers and cultural access; I find dialect through dancing. Every gesture and nuance of time, space, and energy that I conduct correspond to the colloquial nature of the places I inhabit. Dance is my language, my medicine, my practice, and my pedagogy; my proof of life.

By Christal Brown, Assistant Professor of Dance
Photograph by Brett Simison

Dance Magazine has called Christal Brown "a beautiful dancing, thinking soul that is ever changing in its manifestations."



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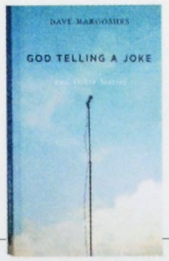

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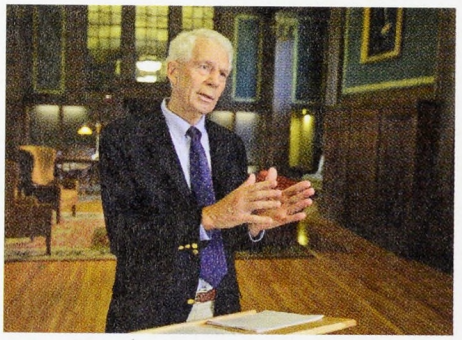

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If you walk into the Overbrook Gallery in Middlebury's Museum of Art this winter, you'll come face to face with Chairman Mao Zedong—his face slathered in green, his lips a vibrant pink (matching the color of his blouse). This puckish, playful visage: it's not the image generally associated with the Communist leader.

Of Andy Warhol's iconic images, *Mao* is one of the most widely reproduced—and this silkscreen print is now part of the Museum's collection, one of ten Warhol prints the Warhol Foundation recently gifted to the College. Among the figures joining Mao in the gallery are Sitting Bull (*Sitting Bull*, 1986), a depiction of the Native American originally intended for Warhol's *Cowboys and Indians* portfolio; Queen Ntombi of Swaziland, one of four ruling monarchs from 1985 depicted in the artist's *Reigning Queens* portfolio, Warhol's largest; and an adorable pig (*Fiesta Pig*, 1979), a work commissioned by the German newspaper *Die Welt*.

The Warhol Foundation's recent gift doubles the number of Warhol prints in the Museum's collection, which not only makes for popular exhibits but also for valuable teaching tools. Even the casual observer gleans insights into the artist and his inspirations—*Fiesta Pig*, for instance, while commissioned, is considered deeply personal, as the animal is said to be Warhol's pet, a gift from "Baby Jane" Holzer.

The Warhol prints will be on view in the Overbrook Gallery until mid-April. If you're in the area, it's a show not to be missed. M

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CORRESPONDENCE

This Is Not Business As Usual

How an innovative partnership between the College and town is boosting the local economy.

By Dan McGinn
Photographs by Mark Ostow

Just after breakfast on a warm fall morning, Jamie Gaucher walks down the steps of the Middlebury Inn and around to his Honda minivan. He noses the car out of the parking lot, following an itinerary that's become very familiar. "I like to start downtown," he says, pointing out the white façade of the Congregational Church, driving past the town green and down Merchant's Row, then heading left on Main Street and up toward the College campus.

Jamie Gaucher
Director of Business Development
Town of Middlebury

A TOWN-SAVING EFFORT

Were it not for Middlebury College's influence and, of late, initiatives like the Middlebury Business Development Fund, the town-gown collaboration that endowed Jamie Gaucher's position as director of business and innovation ("This Is Not Business As Usual," fall 2014), Middlebury would bear a frightful resemblance to so many of the struggling towns and villages that dot our region.

As the owner of a long-established, but highly vulnerable, business downtown—the Vermont Book Shop—I have seen firsthand Middlebury College's value to our community. Certainly, our sales enjoy periodic boosts from the influx of students' families during the year. But perhaps more hearteningly, if not more financially significant for its cumulative effect, the presence of a top-notch academic institution supports the intellectual curiosity of the community. This curiosity inspires visits to the Book Shop, which justifies our unparalleled selection (for a town this size), and which draws visitors, who make purchases and spread the word to their friends.

Of course, this is not to minimize the significance of our most loyal local customers, many of whom live in greater Middlebury because of its rich cultural offerings, preserved historical character, quality schools, open spaces and access to nature, relative diversity and social tolerance, and other "quality of life" characteristics that are enhanced by having a world-class, well-endowed, and extraordinarily charitable educational institution nearby.

I can appreciate how some in the community might feel intruded upon by well-heeled flatlanders; no one likes to feel inferior in one's own home. But as my father, Bruce Hiland, who is featured in Dan McGinn's story, exemplifies, as a flatlander himself, affluence is not an indicator of ill-will. My parents moved to Cornwall when my brother (Chris Hiland '89) was a junior at the College and promptly immersed themselves in the community; my mother was president of the Vermont State Craft Center at Frog Hollow for years and later president of the John Graham Shelter in Vergennes; my father joined the Cornwall School Board and then became its chair, and he has since served for a number of years as chair of the Cornwall Select Board. My father's business ventures in Vermont have always been driven by both a profit motive *and* a powerful community ethic, as evidenced by his early work with start-ups like Vermont Milk Producers and Earth's Best Baby Food, as well as his actions as managing owner of the Battell Block, one of Middlebury's largest and most central commercial properties. There, he has worked compassionately with his retail lessees—all locally owned entities—to keep them in business and to keep his property occupied and well-

maintained. I'm proud of my dad for pressing Middlebury College to engage fully with the surrounding community, because he's driven by a conscientious desire to make the best of his community. For my part, while I haven't entirely *forgotten* that Middlebury rejected me in 1989, and while I confess to the occasional hissy-fit resulting from the collision of bureaucracy and a sensitive personality, I've come to appreciate that Middlebury wouldn't be what it is without the College and the best intentions of those who represent it, from President Liebowitz down: through the likes of Dave Donahue '91, a College alum and employee who both represents the College administration at the highest level *and* coaches youth sports and has served on his school board; to young grads, like Cam MacKugler '09, who are immersing themselves in the greater community to the benefit of many.

I have real hope that Middlebury will continue to adapt to the changing economic landscape, that its economy will grow in a sustainable and place-appropriate manner, and that both sides of the town-gown partnership will continue to work closely and in good faith. After all, this town—loosely speaking—is home to all of us and each side is invaluable to the other.

—Becky Dayton, *Cornwall, Vermont*

SEEKING CLARITY

As a resident of another small, northern New England college town (Hanover, New Hampshire), and as an attorney who represents individuals and small businesses in rural Vermont, I read with interest the recent article about Middlebury establishing a director of business development. Our region greatly needs an infusion of new jobs and new residents. But the section of the article focusing on Mr. Gaucher's attempt to bring telecommuters to Middlebury is perplexing.

The author wrote: "[T]echnology and open-minded companies are allowing people to have high-powered city-type jobs while enjoying Middlebury's strong local schools, relatively low real estate prices, and rural beauty." This is true, but the article does not explain how telecommuters add value to the local economy or vibrancy to our communities. A telecommuting investment banker or corporate lawyer doesn't need to hire locals to perform the essential services that even the smallest of local businesses need to survive. Telecommuters don't contract with local accountants, commercial realtors, web designers, print shops, sign makers, office supply retailers, marketing consultants, snow plowers, office cleaners, IT professionals, attorneys, or landscapers. They do not run ads in the local yellow pages or community newspaper, or on the boards of the hockey rink or the baseball field's outfield fence. They don't underwrite local charitable events or the 5K fun run.

Admittedly, many telecommuters earn far more money than could possibly be earned from a local job, and they plow that money back into the economy by hiring contractors to build or renovate their homes, and by buying from local retailers. But a town inhabited largely by wealthy telecommuters will push real estate prices so high that those same contractors and shopkeepers can no longer afford to live in town. Is this really what Middlebury aspires to? Or am I not thinking broadly enough about the positive economic impacts of telecommuting? Perhaps Mr. Gaucher or the author can shed some light on exactly how telecommuters help the local economy.

—Eric Goldwarg '00, *Hanover, New Hampshire*

Editor's Note: A response from Jamie Gaucher will appear in the next issue.

WELCOME NEWS

The economic development initiative described in "This Is Not Business As Usual" is welcoming news. Kudos to Ron Liebowitz. Economic geography in action!

—Karan Capoor '90, *Commenting on middmag.com*

NOT WELCOME NEWS TO ALL

I grew very sad after reading "This Is Not Business As Usual." It used to be the town's College. Now it is the College's town. Some of us still find this "partnership" disturbing and unpleasant to behold.

The town's first director of business and innovation is a New Yorker via West Virginia to Vermont where he had never been before? Is this the guidance we really need? No wonder I feel like I am living in a theme park.

—Kathleen Sullivan, *Commenting on middmag.com*

Mail Bag Since publishing "This Is Not Business As Usual" in the fall issue, we've received spirited letters and comments about the College's and town's joint business development initiatives. This is precisely the type of discussion and debate our Talk pages are designed for, so keep the letters coming. Of course, we also welcome your grammar corrections (!), which were in abundant supply, as well, following the last issue.

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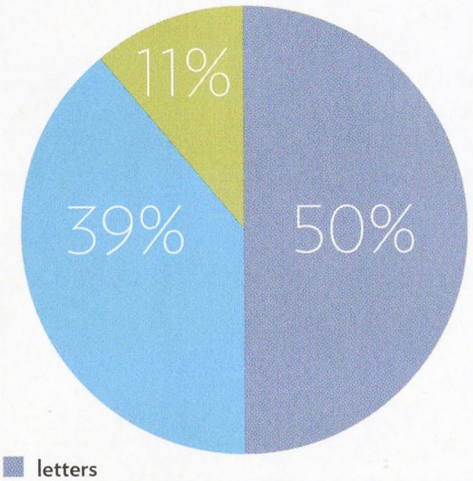

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A FAILURE OF PERSPECTIVE

I find it sad that Ms. Sullivan fails to recognize the current and future economic realities of small, rural towns, especially in places like Vermont, where young populations are leaving in droves with little to no hope of a future. If the town–any rural town–could still support a world-class institution like Middlebury College so that it was still "the town's college," I am sure the youth exodus we see all around us would not be happening. But alas, there is a reality and she is, unfortunately, living in the past.

If she believes that living in what she calls a "theme park" is so terrible, she might try the alternative: check out life in one of dozens of failing Vermont communities that lack the energy and vitality of Middlebury with all of its obvious ills. And I will add this: her commentary about the "New Yorker via West Virginia to Vermont" smacks of small-minded xenophobia that explains a lot of her reactionary perspective.

—Ross Childs, *Commenting on middmag.com*

THE FIRST OF MANY CORRECTIONS

Here's a little story for you. Back somewhere around 1968 or so, the Middlebury Chinese School (founded in 1966) sent out its brochure for the forthcoming summer. The Chinese characters naming the school (*Mingde Zhongwen Xuexiao*) were all printed backwards, a mirror image of what they should have been. In those prehistoric days I was the only member of the faculty or staff who could read Chinese, and no one thought to run the text by me before going public.

I was reminded of this, a few decades later, seeing that opposite Ta-Nehisi Coates' charming piece on studying French at Middlebury, there appears the glaring phrase "Le Française." Now, in certain very restricted cases, it's proper to use a masculine article (le) with a feminine noun (Française), but the only one I can think of is the hotel a few miles north of here in Montreal called Le Reine Elizabeth. But that's because the masculine article "le" fits with the unspoken masculine noun "hotel" and not with the feminine noun "reine" (or Queen). If you're referring to H.M. the Queen herself, she's "la reine Elizabeth."

So if you are referring to the French language you want "Le français," or "la langue française" (langue, or tongue, being a feminine noun) and if you mean the French woman or girl, you want "la française." But don't take my word for it; check with someone who really knows the language well, which I don't.

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I suspect you'll have a flood of mail from irate students of French pointing out your *lapsus linguae*, as the ancient Romans used to call a slip of the tongue.

Please take this criticism constructively. I very much applaud the work the magazine has been doing.

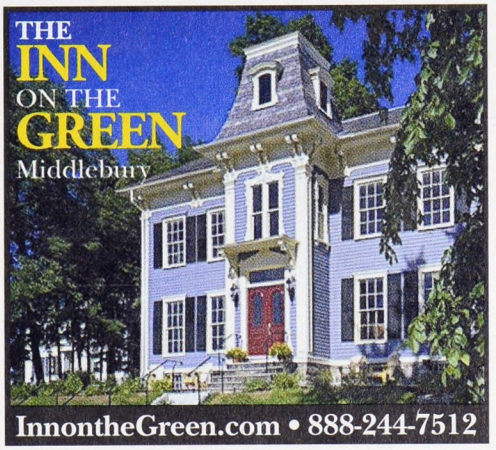
—Nicholas Clifford, *Middlebury, Vermont*

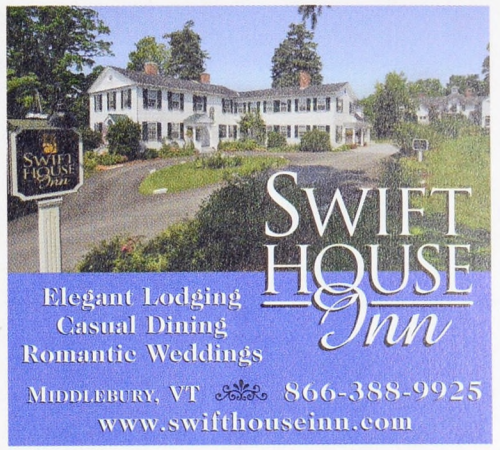
Editor's Note: Professor Clifford is correct: we made a glaring error. However, unlike the 1968 episode he recounts, we actually *did* have all of the French copy in Barry Blitt's illustration checked by a Middlebury faculty member. She graciously pointed out a mistake we had made in the illustration's heading—and we misunderstood what she was telling us and subsequently replaced our first mistake with another. We're not sure whether this effort makes the error better or worse!

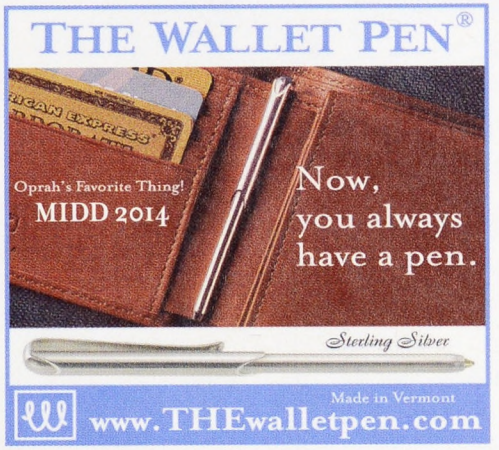
Also, Professor Clifford accurately predicted the "flood of mail" we've received about this mistake. We are printing a few, though not all—for reasons of redundancy and space.

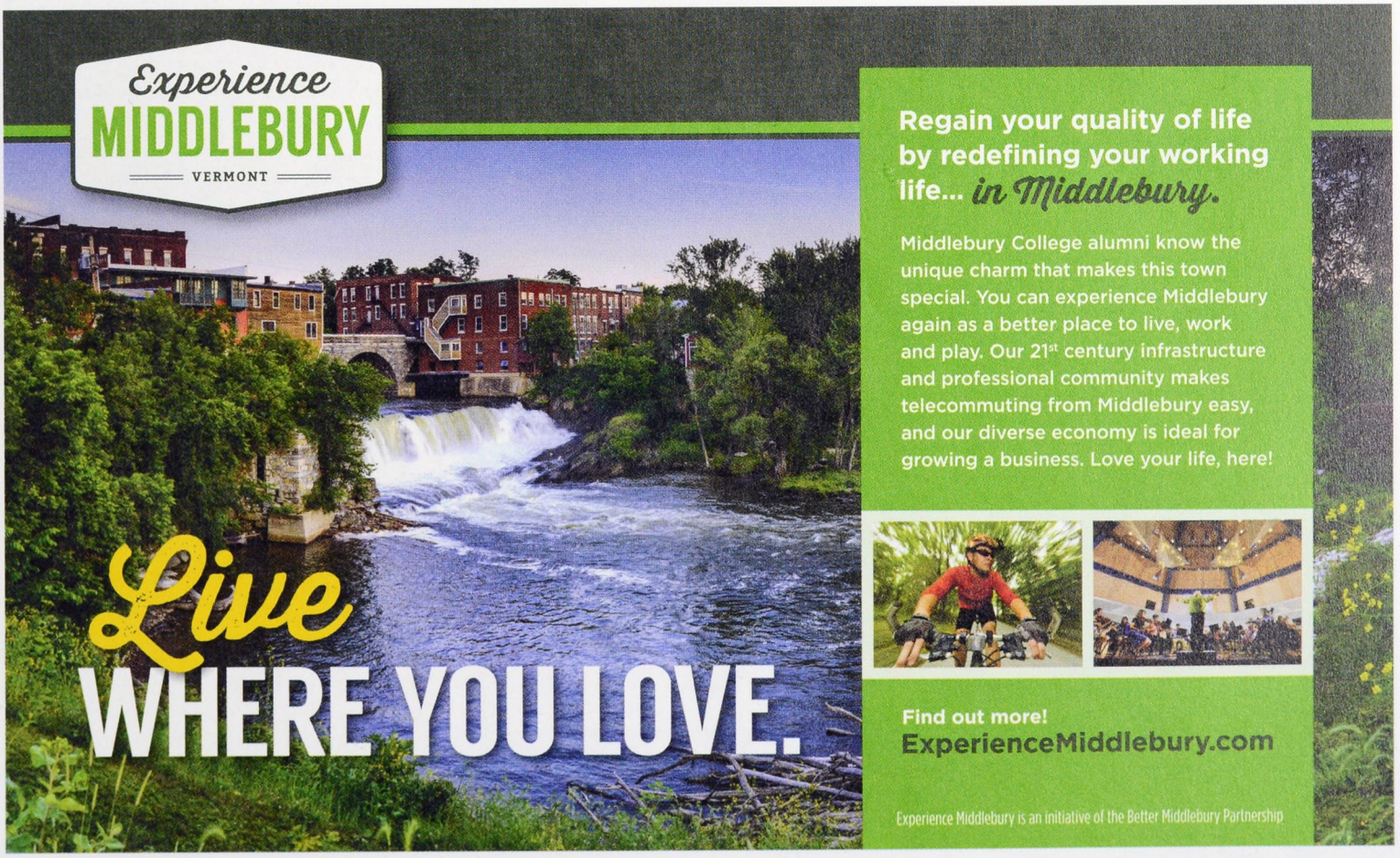
QUELLE HORREUR!

In the print version of the *Middlebury Magazine*, the graphic that accompanies this story has a typo that even a complete French novice





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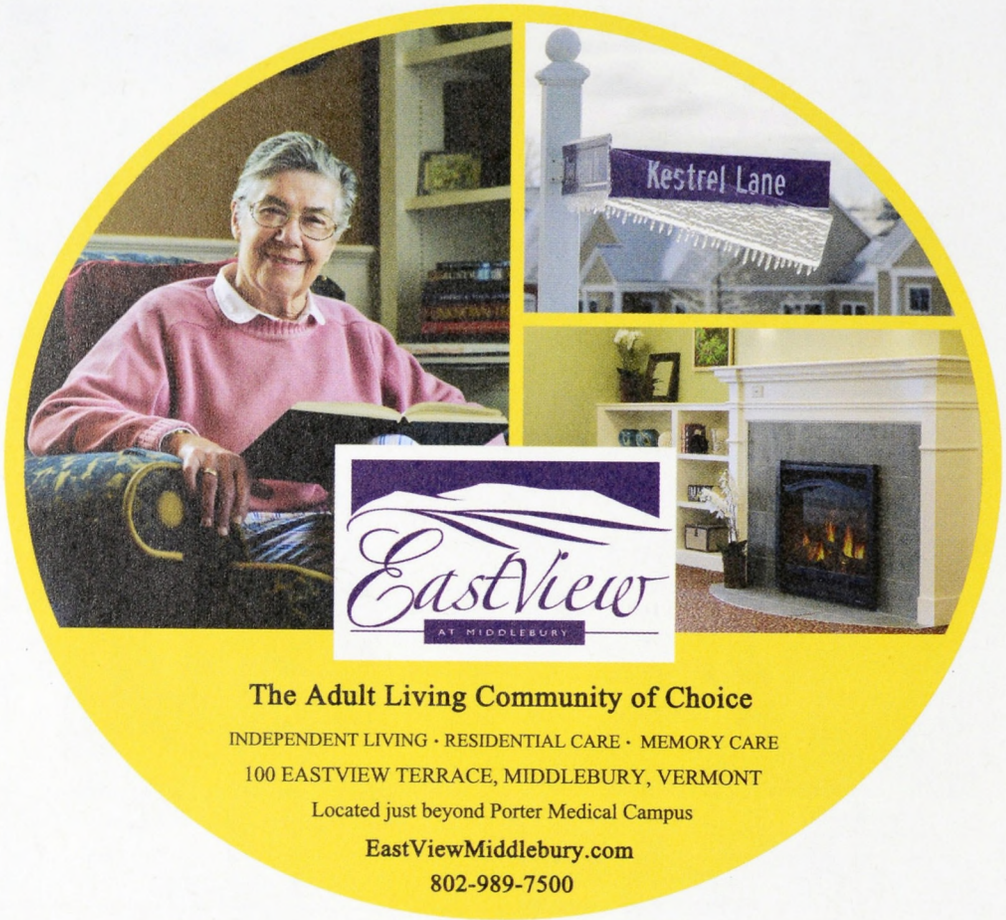

learner would notice—the top words appear as "Le Française," which pairs a masculine direct article with a feminine proper noun, rather than the accurate "Le Français" that appears on this web site. I'm pleased to see that the error was at least caught and corrected prior to publication of the image and story in the digital version, but it is rather embarrassing for a school as renowned for its foreign language forte as Middlebury to have that mistake appear in print!

—Jodi Samuels, MA, French School '08, *Commenting on middmag.com*

ONE MORE, FOR GOOD MEASURE

In the fall issue, a journalist embarks on a voyage into the unknown ("The Foreign Student"), a wonderful account written by Ta-Nehisi Coates. However, I was struck, when I first glanced at this story, by the illustration with a rectangular box at its top containing the words "Le Française."

It was too bad that this otherwise excellent story was mailed out with such an egregious error. Maybe the illustrator purposefully made the mistake to demonstrate how difficult the French language is to learn?

—Fujung Madeleine Li '72, *San Jose, California*

LUMINARIES LIGHT UP MAG

The redesigned @Middlebury alumni mag continues to shine. Words by @tanehisicoates! Art by Barry Blitt! Congrats to the staff.

—Daniel Roberts '09 *(@readDanwrite), Commenting on Twitter*

FINALLY, A MOOSE

I enjoyed "Wild Moose Chase" (fall 2014) because I worked at Bread Loaf for many years, and I was constantly frustrated by my inability to spot a moose. What's worse, many of the summer school students reported moose sightings during their mere six-week stay, and I lived on the campus from April to November. Now I teach in extreme rural Maine, North Anson to be exact. About a month ago, I was giving a quiz when a student yelled, "Moose!" Sure enough, a hundred yards outside my classroom window, there was a good-sized bull moose.

—Doug "Woody" Woodsum '82, *Smithfield, Maine*

NATURE'S WAY

The editor's examples in his fall column "What's on His Mind?" are not terribly conclusive (circumstantial evidence not backed up by real science), but I do subscribe to his thesis (circumstantially!).

Animals are manipulators by nature. They

are incredibly good at adapting their behavior to a situation so that it profits them. So I'd say the chimp was simply being a profiteer. As to the Jack Russell: come on, he was just doing what comes naturally! He was squirreling away resources for a rainy day!

—Debra Smith Bénard '76, *Commenting on middmag.com*

WORDS RING HOLLOW

I read the editor's letter soliciting voluntary subscriptions for the magazine with great intent—and I found his words to ring hollow. He wrote that the magazine should be provoca-

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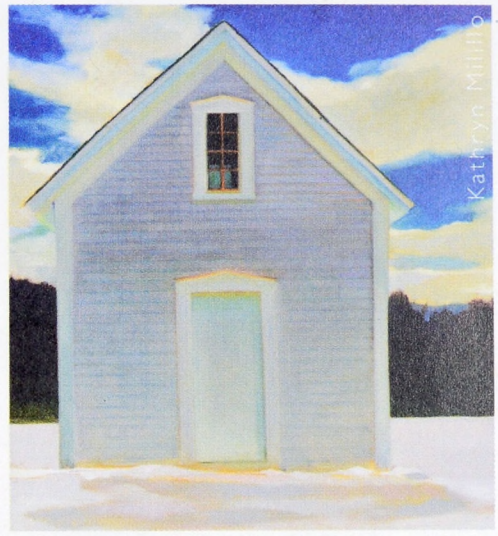

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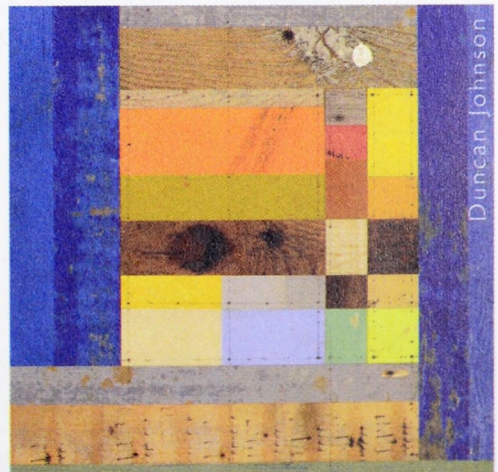

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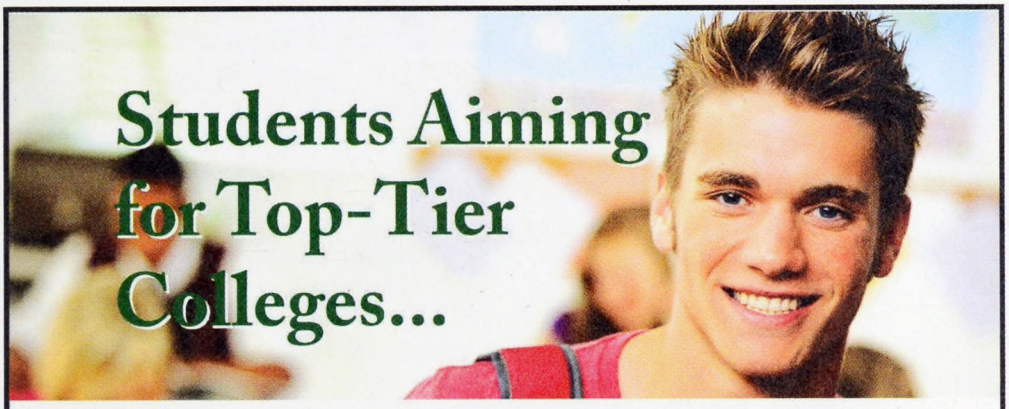

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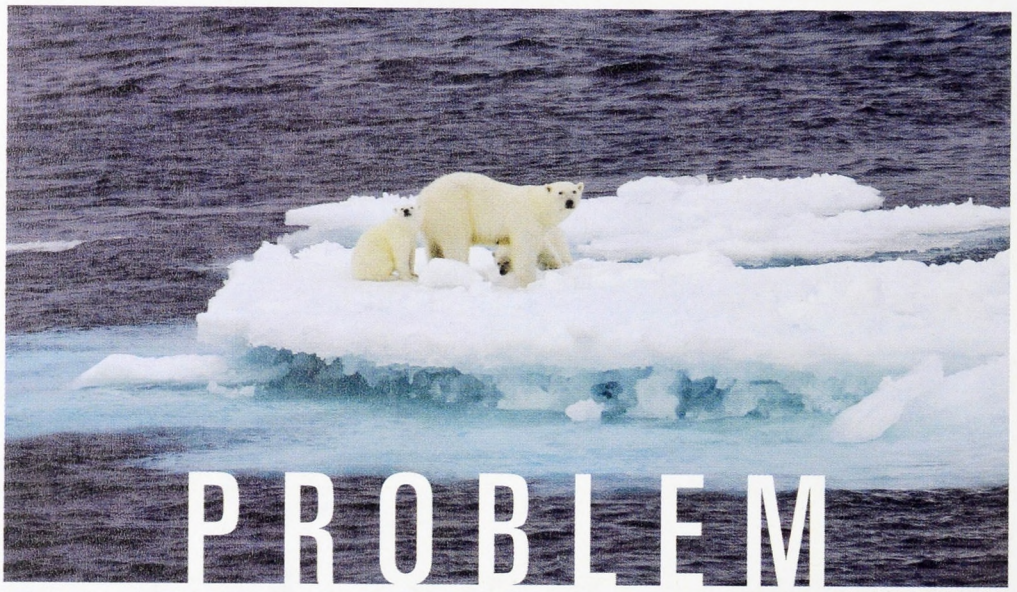
tive and challenging. That it must be inquisitive, creative, and vibrant. That it must be adventurous and reflective. He then went on to say that it should welcome respectful debate.

I've had the opposite experience with the magazine and this editor. I recall him shutting off respectful debate I was having with a College vice president concerning the need for Middlebury to have a real debate about the economic system under which our society functions: capitalism.

The need for that debate is even greater now that the system has shown its true fangs. It is a system that delivers wealth to the super



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rich and increasingly lowers the bar for everyone else.

Middlebury still hasn't made the effort to bring an alternate scholarship to the field of economics. I refuse to contribute to its well-being until it does so. We see a huge disparity of wealth in our society and hardly any recognition of that disparity in the course work included at the College.

—Russ Christensen '58, *West Farmington, Maine*

LETTERS POLICY

Letters addressing topics discussed in the magazine are given priority, though they may be edited for brevity or clarity. On any given subject we will print letters that address that subject, and then in the next issue, letters that respond to the first. After that, we will move on to new subjects. Send letters to: *Middlebury Magazine*, 152 College Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 or middmag@middlebury.edu.

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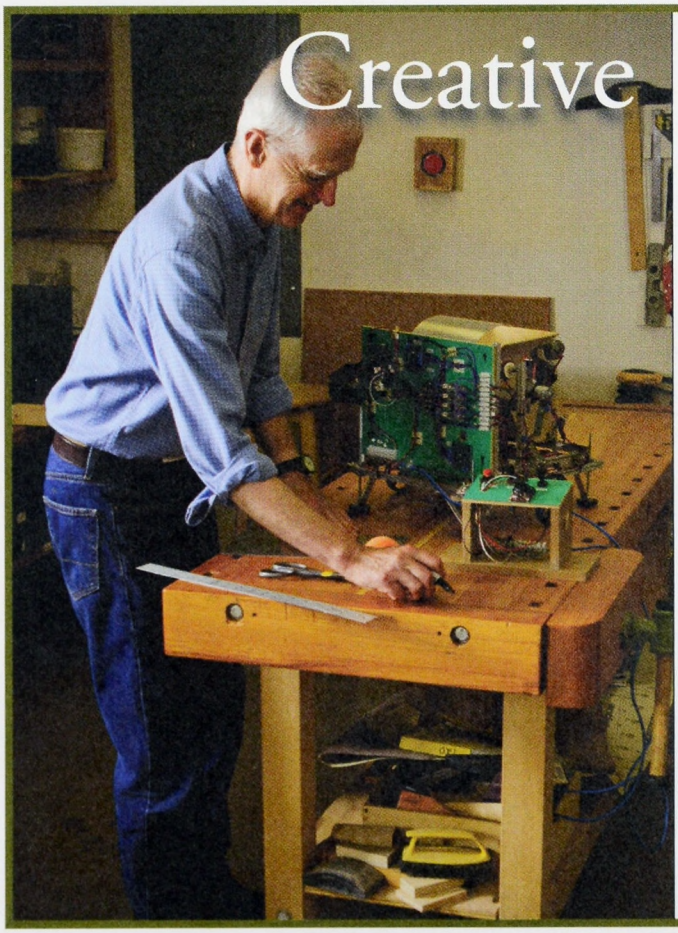

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Monks of the Namgyal Monastery, the personal monastery of the 14th Dalai Lama, constructed an intricate sand mandala on campus in October. Photo by Ben Savard '14

Patton Named 17th President

Laurie L. Patton walked into Mead Chapel in relative anonymity—if not unnoticed, then unknown to many in the near capacity crowd. It would be the last time the religion scholar and dean of Duke University's Trinity College of Arts and Sciences would experience such a feeling on this campus.

When Al Dragone Jr '78, a Middlebury trustee and chair of the presidential search committee, announced that Patton would become the institution's 17th president—and first woman to hold the office—those assembled leapt to their feet and welcomed her with a standing ovation. The intensity of the reception wasn't as striking as the heartfelt emotion behind it—an exhibition of feeling normally reserved for the familiar. Yet instantly Patton had become a stranger no more—and that feeling appeared to be mutual.

After thanking Dragone, Board Chair Marna Whittington, and Ron and Jessica Liebowitz, Patton took a deep breath, smiled, and said: "Hello to all of my new friends at Middlebury."

Selected from a candidate pool that included sitting presidents of liberal arts institutions, provosts and deans at elite colleges and universities, the heads of educational foundations, thought leaders with ties to the academy, as well as nontraditional candidates, Patton "stood apart," Dragone said when he introduced her. "She was intellectually curious, a recognized scholar, deeply committed to the liberal arts. She had significant administrative experience. The interviews with the committee and follow-up meetings showed her to be culturally aligned with Middlebury's values. Her questions to the committee revealed a deep understanding of the issues and opportunities that we face, and will face—in short, someone that we felt was uniquely prepared and qualified to be the next president of Middlebury."

She displayed these qualities during her speech, defining a liberal arts education in the 21st century as beholden to three key tenets: innovation, adaptation, and integration.

"Every institution must exemplify these educational goals in its own unique way. And as I came to learn more about Middlebury, I saw that I was getting to know an institution that has exemplified these goals powerfully, creatively, and energetically."

Then she outlined "seven great education virtues of Middlebury," remarking on the institution's storied tradition of innovating, its environmental stewardship, and its commitment to both rootedness and restlessness, which produces creative tension. She also discussed how "the role of writing, language, and translation at Middlebury is not only part of its vision of the liberal arts but also its reaching out to the world." And she spoke to the institution's commitment to all forms of knowledge, along with applauding the recent addition of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and the reorganization of Middlebury's Board of Trustees.

"In short," she said, "after thinking about these seven virtues, I can't wait to get here . . . I am delighted to begin work as your 17th president, because here, in all the glorious places where Middlebury lives and thrives, we will become together who we are meant to be."

Another standing ovation followed, this one even more intense than the last.

Laurie Patton will take office as the 17th president of Middlebury on July 1, 2015. When she does, she will become the first woman to hold Middlebury's presidency in the school's 215-year history.

Education

- University of Chicago, PhD in history of religions (1991)
- University of Chicago Divinity School, MA (1986)
- Harvard University, BA in comparative religion and Celtic languages and literature (1983)

Key Academic and Administrative Appointments

- Duke University, dean of arts and sciences
- Duke University, Robert F. Durden Professor of Religion
- Emory University, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Religion
- Emory University, director of the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence
- Emory University, co-director of "Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding" initiative
- Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, Fulbright senior lecturer
- Deccan College, Pune, Maharashtra, India, Fulbright research fellow
- Bard College, assistant professor of Asian religions
- National Endowment for the Humanities, director and visiting professor, Summer Institute for Teachers

Key Achievements at Duke

- With development office, raised $273 million toward campaign goal, including 13 endowed chairs, $83 million toward financial aid, $10 million for international financial aid
- Hired 58 faculty across sciences, social sciences, and humanities
- Established "Scholars and Publics" initiative for scholarly engagement between Duke faculty and their multiple publics
- Initiated hiring strategies for women and underrepresented minorities in the STEM fields
- Initiated hiring program in fields across Asian studies
- Raised $5 million and designed Language Arts and Media Program, an undergraduate program in effective communication in contemporary media (online, in person, in writing)

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■ With Office of Advising and IT, created "My Advising Network," a program that allows Duke undergraduates to see, develop, manage, and contact their advising network at Duke
■ Created All University Course hosted by arts and sciences

Key Publications
■ Author or editor of nine books on South Asian history, culture, and religion, including *Bringing the Gods to Mind: Mantra and Ritual in Early Indian Sacrifice* and *Myth as Argument: The Brhaddevata as Canonical Commentary in Religiongeschichtliche Versuche und Vorarbeiten*
■ Author of two collections of poetry: *Angel's Task: Poems in Biblical Times* and *Fire's Goal: Poems from a Hindu Year*
■ Translator of *The Bhagavad Gita*

Teaching
Undergraduate Classes
■ Duke University: The All University Course, an all-university course hosted by arts and sciences on a theme of social relevance
■ Emory University: Introduction to Religion; Comparative Sacred Texts; Early Medieval Hinduism; Method and Theory in the Study of Religion; Women and Religion; Religion and Literature in Early India

Graduate Classes
■ Duke University: Toward the Very Idea of Comparing Religion; Theory of Myth
■ Emory University: Theory of Myth; The Very Idea of Comparing Religion; Gender in South Asian Religion; Religion and Literature in Early India

Family
Laurie Patton is married to Shalom Goldman, a professor of religious studies and Middle Eastern studies at Duke. He will become a professor of religion at Middlebury.

She is the daughter of a cardiovascular surgeon and a social worker/public relations professional, and she has two older siblings—a brother and a sister.

A native New Englander, Laurie Patton grew up in Danvers, Massachusetts, and attended Choate Rosemary Hall.

For all of the news coverage of Laurie Patton's appointment, visit www.middlebury.edu/newpresident.

NEWS

A Case of Identity

When the calendar flipped to 2015, a new identity system at Middlebury went into effect, bringing a level of clarity to a relationship between Middlebury College and its graduate programs that has often been described as ambiguous.

Here's a primer on the changes:

■ The name "Middlebury" has been added to the official name of each graduate school and program.

■ This means that the Middlebury Language Schools, the Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English, the Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, the Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad, the Middlebury School of the Environment, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey are the official names of these entities.

■ Yes, folks will still refer to the storied summer English school and writers' conference as "Bread Loaf." And that's OK. We will, too. But when we refer to each officially, we lead with "Middlebury"—and that's important for both the individual entities and the institution, as a whole.

Middlebury Institute *of* International Studies at Monterey

■ The biggest name change is taking place at the former Monterey Institute of International Studies, now renamed the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. Since its founding in 1955, the Institute was an independent entity until its acquisition by and affiliation and integration with Middlebury; now, it makes sense that it bears the Middlebury name. It should be noted that the Institute retains the MIIS acronym, which has become an often used identifier for the entity.

■ When we are referring to the undergraduate college, we will use "Middlebury College" or "the College." The general name "Middlebury" no longer refers only to the undergraduate entity.

Middlebury

The identity system includes a new visual identity that brings all of the schools together within a single design family. The Middlebury shield icon features Old Chapel; Bread Loaf Mountain; a book, which signifies learning; a globe, which signifies our international focus; and the year 1800, when Middlebury was founded. This shield icon will be used for all Middlebury entities, with the exception of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

Recognizing the Institute's unique history and setting, the MIIS shield features the California Mission architecture of the Segal Building, the very first structure purchased by the founders of the Institute on the current campus site. The MIIS shield also includes its founding date of 1955 along with the globe and book.

The Middlebury seal—which shows an open book; the College's motto, *Scientia et Virtus*; four abbreviated Latin words: *Coll. Med. Virid. Mon.* (which translates in English to Middlebury College of Vermont); and the founding date of 1800—isn't going anywhere.

Provided for by Middlebury's charter and in use since at least 1808, the seal will still be used on diplomas and for other official purposes.

For more on the new identity system, check out a video at go.middlebury.edu/identityvid.

For more on the new field house, visit gomidd.com.

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Why I Love Lyon, France

By Erik Bleich
Professor of Political Science

Lyon isn't on anyone's top-10 list of European cities to visit, but it should be. Developed by the Romans and reinvigorated by the Renaissance's silk industry, Lyon has a huge portion of its historic center protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Birthplace of *The Little Prince* author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and internationally renowned chef Paul Bocuse, the city has constant cultural activities bubbling up. The wintertime *Fête des Lumières*, with its light displays, and the summertime festival *Nuits de Fourvière* both draw millions of visitors annually. Other things, like the giant Ferris wheel or the sustainable-gifts market on Place Bellecour, are more fleeting—so enjoying them makes you feel like a local.

Four years ago, my family and I spent a good part of the summer in Lyon, and we're back now for a year-long sabbatical. While the kids are in their French schools, my wife and I go for runs along the banks of the Rhône, or we stroll along the quays of the Saône—the two rivers converging a few miles south of the picturesque spot where we live on a narrow peninsula. My wife and I also have a weekly date to try one of Lyon's emerging, inventive restaurants, or one of its traditional *bouchons*, where ordering tripe, sweetbread, or tongue is *de rigueur*. (That is, even if you do it by accident while your wife sticks to chicken.) I loved my younger days studying in Paris, but when my kids, stepping off the train in Lyon after a trip to the bustling capital, looked around, they took a deep breath, saying they were glad to be home. Which made me very happy that Lyon isn't on anyone's top-10 list—even though it should be.

ATHLETICS

Five Tapped for Hall of Fame

Along with the opening of the Virtue Field House, Middlebury inaugurated an Athletics Hall of Fame this winter, inducting five alumni who are among the most celebrated and accomplished student-athletes in Panther history. The 2014 inductees:

Heidi Howard Allen '99, a field hockey and lacrosse standout who was one of a select few to earn All-American honors during all four years of her collegiate career;

John Bower '63, a two-time Olympian, the first Panther Nordic skier to win a national title, and the first non-Scandinavian to win the King's Cup, Nordic skiing's most prestigious event;

Ray Fisher, Class of 1910, a Major League baseball pitcher with 100 professional wins and a World Series title to his name;

Phil Latreille '61, a three-time All-American who scored more goals in a career (250), a season (80), and a game (10) than anyone else in the history of intercollegiate ice hockey;

Dorcas DenHartog Wonsavage '87, a cross country runner and Nordic skier who won a national title in cross country (the College's first) and competed in three Winter Olympics on the U.S. Nordic Ski team.

The Middlebury Athletics Hall of Fame will induct up to 10 individuals annually, and honorees will be recognized on a Hall of Fame installation in the Peterson Family Athletics Complex. The next class will be inducted in the fall of 2015.

PICTURE

Handmade We rarely think about the media that convey art: the canvas on which someone paints, the paper upon which someone composes. But recently, at the Mahaney Center for the Arts, students in a medieval manuscript class got the chance to make authentic parchment, which comes from animal skin. Starting with goat hides soaking in a bucket, they removed the hides' hair before stretching and then smoothing the skin into workable form. The labor-intensive process deepened their appreciation of how ancient books came into being.

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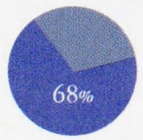
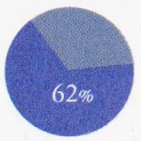
Open House

The Virtue Field House—featuring an indoor track, a turf field, team spaces, offices, and classrooms—opened in January, expanding the Peterson Family Athletics Complex and bringing to a close a two-year construction project.



Percentage of field house that is interior floor space



Percentage of floor space that a football field would fill

Percentage of field-house construction fully funded by gifts

6

Lanes, of the New Balance Foundation Track

200

Meter length of the track lanes, which is NCAA standard

1

Number of indoor track meets hosted at Midd—a duel meet vs. Norwich in 1993—before now. The Panthers will now be able to host several meets a season .

Assessing the Field
Located inside the track oval is a 21,000-square-foot artificial turf field (McCormick Field), which will be used as an indoor practice facility.

Double the Bubble
Virtue Field House replaces the structure affectionately known as the Bubble (which was itself a temporary replacement for the Fletcher Field House). However, at 110,000 square feet, the new building more than doubles the Bubble's size.

New Hall, Wall
With the expansion of the athletics facility comes a pair of noteworthy athletic additions: a Hall of Fame (see preceeding page) and an interactive history wall consisting of a 16'x 5' digital touch-screen display.

PHOTO OF EVAN AUGUSTE '14 BY BRETT SIMISON

PHILANTHROPY

Preserving Bread Loaf

MIDDLEBURY'S BREAD LOAF CAMPUS sits amid nearly 2,100 acres of forest and mountain meadow, land that will now be conserved and protected and remain with the College in perpetuity.

In November, Louis Bacon '79, a leading conservation philanthropist and Middlebury trustee, directed his private foundation, the Moore Charitable Foundation, to partner with the College to establish the Bread Loaf Preservation Fund, which will not only preserve and maintain the campus and surrounding forests and fields but also provide support for educational programming and recreational activities. Much of the land will be protected through a conservation easement held by the Vermont Land Trust working in partnership with the Nature Conservancy.

This historic agreement comes nearly a century after Vermont environmentalist Joseph Battell bequeathed to the College this same land, which borders the Green Mountain National Forest and encompasses numerous areas of ecological and natural interest.

"Joseph Battell's gift shaped the institution that Middlebury has become, and this new effort by Louis Bacon will preserve the legacy of that gift and the strong sense of place that defines us," said Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz. "Louis's generous support through the Moore Charitable Foundation ensures that the students of Middlebury will always know the special joy of the lands, ponds, and trails of Bread Loaf."

QUOTATION

"The Strength of the Hills Are Hers Also!"

—**Alexander Lee '97**, commenting on the middlebury.edu news story announcing Laurie L. Patton as the 17th president of Middlebury College. Patton will become the first female president in Middlebury's 215-year history. For more on this historic appointment, see p. 22.

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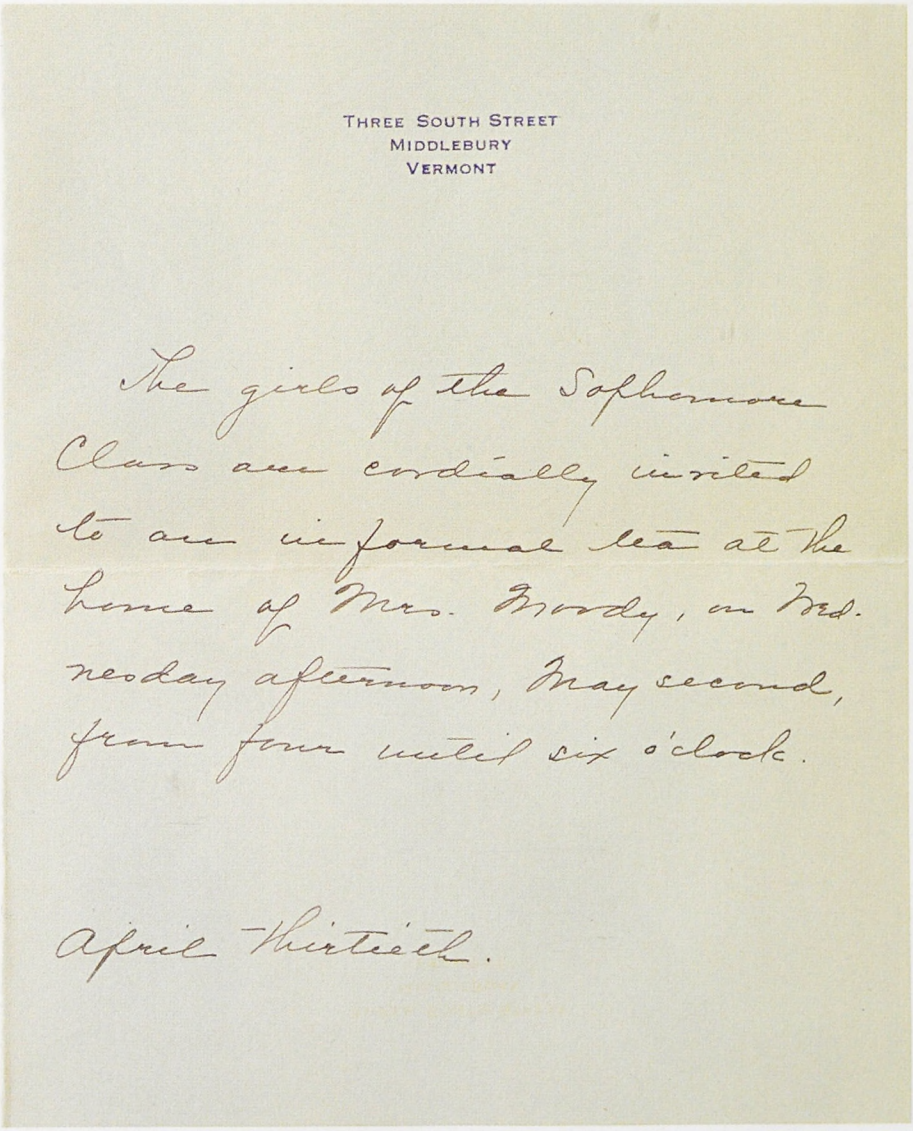


THREE SOUTH STREET
MIDDLEBURY
VERMONT

The girls of the Sophomore Class are cordially invited to an informal tea at the home of Mrs. Moody, on Wednesday afternoon, May second, from four until six o'clock.

April Thirtieth.

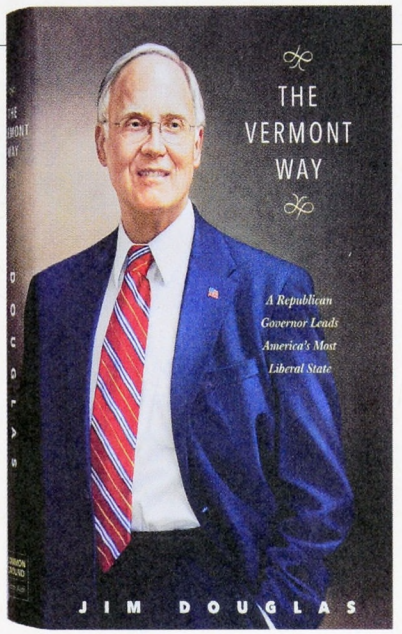
THE SOCIAL GRACES

An invitation to tea with President Moody's wife, May, enabled women students in 1928 to put into practice what they learned in Household Administration, Meal Planning and Serving, and other home economics classes. This keepsake from the scrapbook of Elizabeth Burditt Parker '30 is a reminder that proper etiquette was as much a part of college life in the 1920s as raccoon coats and chemistry class.

PHOTO (ABOVE LEFT) BY BRETT SIMISON, (ABOVE) BY TODD BALFOUR

REVIEW

The Vermont Way
By Jim Douglas '72, Executive in Residence
From *Vermont Business Magazine*



Douglas's new memoir is as much about the man as it is the politician. Throughout, he comes across as deeply patriotic, conservative, frugal, honest, and, most of all, Republican. He proudly chronicles his volunteer work as a 13-year-old on Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign and discusses his days chairing the Vermont College Republicans while anti-war demonstrations ripped college campuses apart.

The book also offers a sweeping view of Douglas's time in Vermont politics, starting with his 1972 election to the Vermont House and ending as he left the governor's office in 2011, a period during which the Republican Party lost its state dominance.

Douglas believes that times are changing—and not for the better. He's critical of the political climate in both D.C. and Montpelier. Most Americans, Douglas writes, "don't like the contentiousness they are forced to observe and have every right to demand that their public officials, whose salaries they are paying, get along."

NEWS

Leadership Change at MIIS

In December, Middlebury President Ron Liebowitz appointed Jeff Dayton-Johnson to serve as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, positions he will hold on an interim basis until June 30, 2016. Dayton-Johnson replaces Sunder Ramaswamy, who has stepped down as president of the Institute after five years. In keeping with Middlebury's new governance and administrative structure, Dayton-Johnson's new title replaces the position of president of the Institute.

A development economist, Dayton-Johnson joined the MIIS faculty in 2011 and has helped lead the integration of the Master of Public Administration and International Policy & Development programs into a coordinated program in Development Practice and Policy at MIIS. He has also worked with faculty to create a classroom-plus-fieldwork approach to the teaching and learning of policy analysis.

Before his faculty position at Monterey, Dayton-Johnson spent seven years as a senior economist at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

Of Ramaswamy's tenure as president, Liebowitz said: "Today, the Institute is without doubt much stronger than the one Sunder inherited. Beyond directing the work that led up to the formal integration of MIIS with Middlebury in 2010, Sunder set about creating a new framework for the academic programs in Monterey that would maximize opportunities for graduates to make a difference in the world through new approaches to language study, experiential and immersive learning models, new degree programs, and the creation of new research centers. He brought together in closer proximity a large portion of the faculty so colleagues could benefit from both planned and fortuitous exchanges that so often lead to collaboration and curricular innovation."

Ramaswamy, who also holds the title of Distinguished College Professor of International Economics at Middlebury, plans on taking a sabbatical to continue his economic research on the Indian economy, including the development of higher education in India.

NUMBERS

Voters in the town of Middlebury approved an initiative that would lead to the College and the town swapping land, which entailed constructing a new town office on the formerly College-owned land next to the Ilsley Library and razing the current town buildings to make way for the soon-to-be-College-owned green space. However, one domino had to fall before all this construction could begin: the College's historic Osborne House, at 77 Main Street, needed to move from its home next to the library.

1816
YEAR THAT OSBORNE HOUSE WAS BUILT

1921
YEAR THAT THE COLLEGE BOUGHT THE HOUSE—FOR A SUM OF $10,000

1,135
DISTANCE, IN FEET, THE HOUSE WAS MOVED—ACROSS THE CROSS STREET BRIDGE TO A PLOT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF OTTER CREEK

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WEIGHT, IN TONS, OF THE HOUSE

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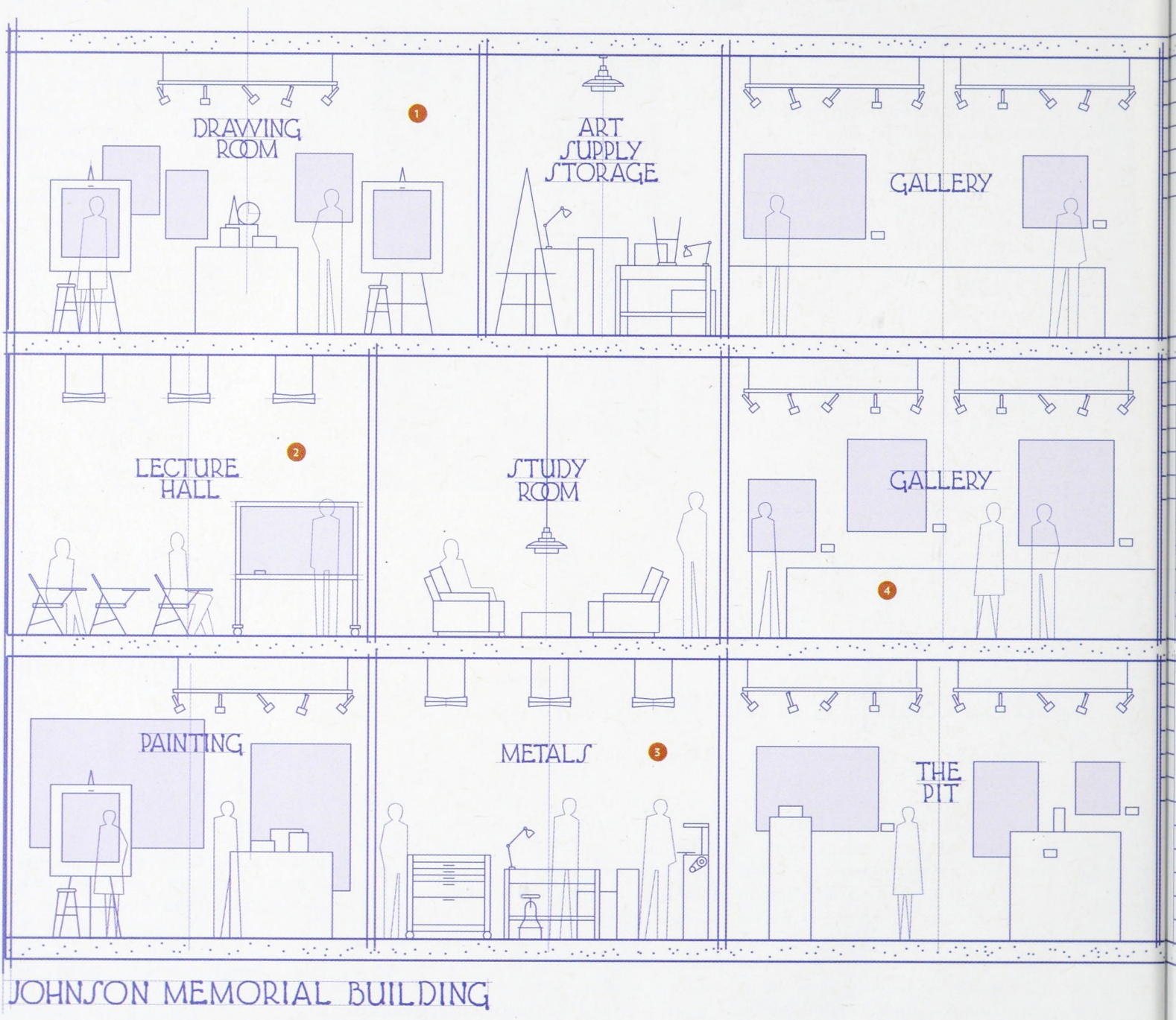
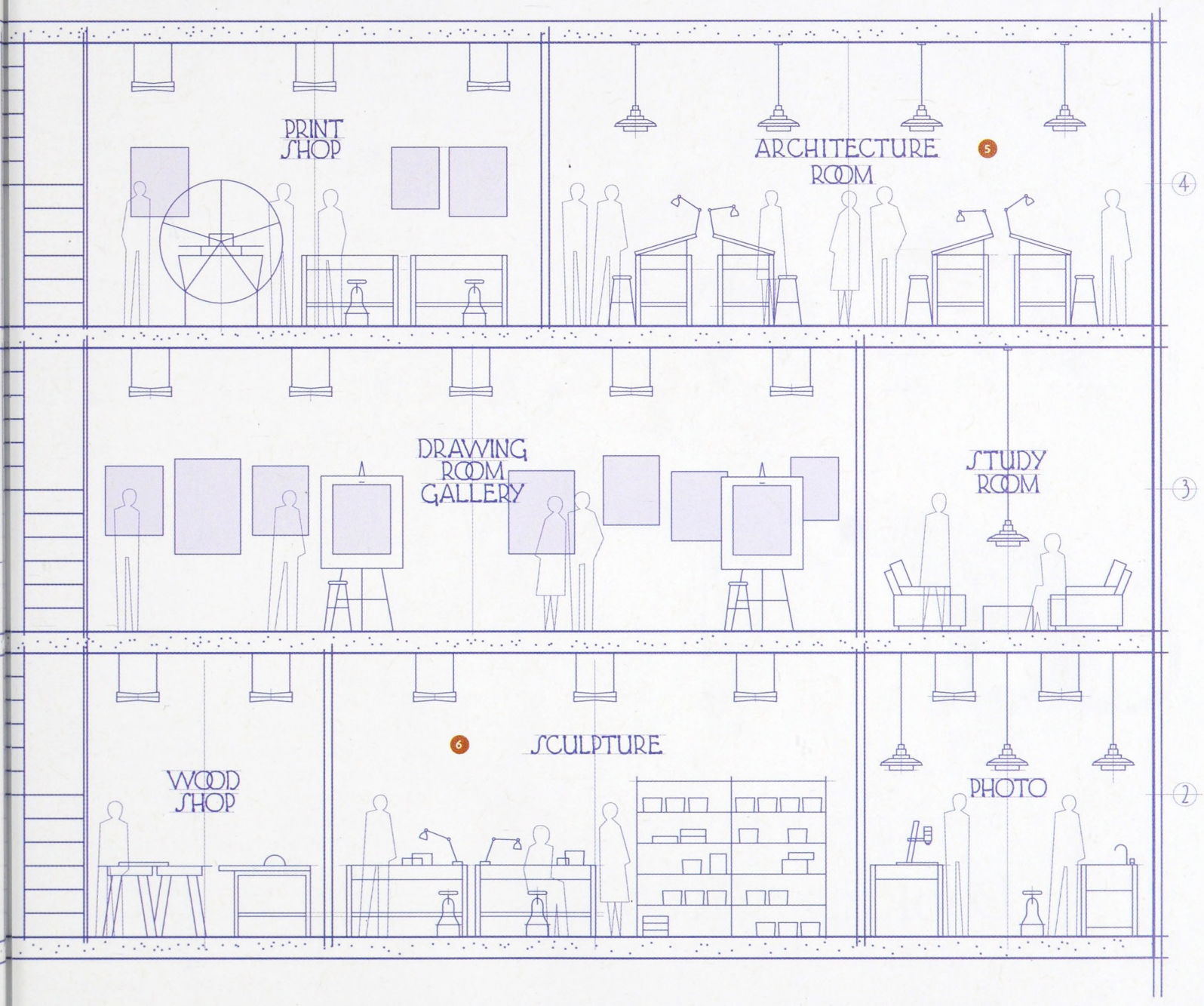
TIME OF DAY, A.M., THE HOUSE WAS MOVED



The Scheme of Things

The distinctive Christian A. Johnson Memorial Building—home to studio art and architectural studies—is both beloved and reviled by many on campus. But what all can agree on is the spirited energy and creativity that exists within its walls.

INFOGRAPHIC BY MICHAEL NEWHOUSE



1 CONCENTRATION
When students are at work in the drawing room—as they are on most afternoons—it's so quiet in the large, open space that you could hear a pin drop.

2 IN CLASS
If there's a "conventional" space in Johnson, this is it: a standard lecture hall, though still funky enough that there is no mistaking its domain.

3 SPARKS FLY
The danger sign on the door is the first signal that serious business happens in this space. Inside, welder's helmets are the accessory of choice.

4 UP IN THE AIR
The interior's defining characteristic is the three-story atrium—two floors of galleries, plus the pit—home to installations, performances, and events.

5 PLANS AHEAD
The walls of the architecture room are pasted with designs—for homes, buildings, outposts. Even with no one around, the space crackles with electricity.

6 IN PROCESS
As you might imagine, a room where sculptures are created can seem a bit chaotic—at least to a visitor's eye. But no one said that creativity is clean.

ILLUSTRATION BY BRETT RYDER

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT LIEBOWITZ

Looking Ahead

As Ron Liebowitz enters the twilight of his presidency, we asked him to reflect on the new challenges that leaders in higher education can expect to face, while examining where these challenges came from and how they can be confronted.

What challenges will future leaders of colleges and universities face that presidents of the last decade either didn't face or faced only in limited ways?

At the risk of annoying a whole lot of people, I will start with the issues of cost and relevance. I tried out this issue as a topic of conversation with my faculty colleagues almost three years ago, and let's just say it was not the most popular topic I ever introduced for collegial dialogue. And I can understand why. Yet it is something that the private institutions, especially, cannot afford to ignore, as the cost of such an education is now around $250,000 for the four-year BA degree.

This figure becomes even more astounding when one learns that the annual cost (room, board, and tuition) of around $60,000 represents only about 70 percent of the actual cost of that education per student. Annual gifts and earnings from the endowment provide what amounts to a hidden "scholarship" of more than $20,000 to even those who pay the full price.

This leads to the question of relevance, whether a degree today ensures what it did for earlier generations...

Right. Our current students are entering a world vastly different than the one their parents and grandparents encountered when they graduated from college. And people want to know: is a liberal arts degree worth worth the investment. And this holds true for everyone, even those most able to afford this high cost.

As taboo as it might be to say aloud, when one is paying a quarter of a million dollars for an education, one of the things one inevitably considers is whether such an investment is relevant to one's son's or daughter's future—whether the four years will help them acquire the knowledge, character, habits of the mind, and skills necessary to compete in a world that is very different from just a generation ago. More and more parents are beginning to notice that the education that worked for them 25 or 30 years ago will not suffice for this generation.

Of course inside the academy and at Middlebury we all know the value of a liberal arts education: it is, in the long term, second to none in preparing young adults for a fulfilling and productive life. Yet, the many defenses of a liberal arts education that are offered up more and more frequently, while convincing to those

Students need the opportunity to take risks, experience failure, and learn lessons from such failure without fear of a bad grade or having to wait until their first job or endeavor after graduation.

already committed, are not fully understood by the uninitiated. Unfortunately, this group represents an overwhelming majority of families with soon-to-be college-bound children.

What, then, is the solution, or a solution, to this information or curricular gap?

Well, we need to continue to extol the virtues of having generations of liberally educated graduates while, at the same time, building on what a liberal arts education has traditionally offered students. That is, the 21st-century version of the liberal arts, different from the 18th-, 19th-, and 20th-century versions, should evolve as its predecessors have done and include components that require students to experiment, conceive, design, build, and engage in uncertainty. It needs to provide the opportunity for students to take all they learn from studying across multiple disciplines and through different modes of inquiry and apply their learning to real-world challenges, questions, and numerous unknowns. Students need the opportunity to take risks, experience failure, and learn lessons from such failure without fear of a bad grade or having to wait until their first job or endeavor after graduation.

The combination of intense specialization and technological innovation, spread so easily and rapidly over the past decade as the result of globalization, requires the liberal arts to evolve and become more dynamic. It needn't become diluted or beholden solely to the trendy or the here and now. Rather, it needs to equip its students not only with the timeless virtues of the liberal arts of the past but also with the tools, perspectives, and experience necessary to adapt to our rapidly changing and competitive world.

The two Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competitions, the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) summer program, the Center for Social Entrepreneurship, MiddCORE, Middlebury FoodWorks, our faculty-student summer research program, and the annual Spring Student Symposium are all examples of programs that can define, complement, and transform a traditional liberal arts education. These programs provide opportunities for students to follow up their course work with experimentation, design work, problem solving, collaboration, and the experience of creating something new, or at least the setting out to do so. Failure is a common and inevitable part of each program. What one learns in the process is invaluable: students graduate possessing a combined breadth of knowledge and set of skills that are today so necessary to succeed in a highly competitive and increasingly specialized world.

And so why is this so different now from what presidents faced 10, 20, and 30 years ago?

As I mentioned previously, the world has changed dramatically since many of the faculty and the parents of our current students were themselves in college, and the rapid pace of change challenges our education systems, from kindergarten through higher education. It has become harder and harder to keep up and evolve with the times and what they demand from our graduates. It remains to be seen if colleges and universities, let alone K–12 schools, can blend the best of what I would call traditional pedagogies with what might be called new pedagogies that recognize the ways current and future generations of students will learn. We already see a large proportion of students shying away from text-based materials and gravitating almost naturally to digitized content. The attention span of the current generation of students is far shorter than it was 20 years ago, which translates for many into an inability to sit for 50 minutes and enjoy, let alone learn from, a lecture without texting or checking Facebook. Yet this should come as no surprise. At the same time, an expectation that faculty can and will adjust to these changes and do so seamlessly, while pursuing their research and professional obligations, is optimistic, at least in many of our disciplines.

Robust and generous faculty-development programs are essential if higher education as we know it is to thrive in this century. And a willingness on the part of faculty to engage in such professional development is equally—and perhaps more—essential.

While our faculty are incredibly committed to and excel at the human-intensive pedagogy that sits at the core of a residential liberal arts college education, the incentive for faculty to build upon that pedagogy and amend the curriculum accordingly to meet the needs of students is not quite apparent, or at least not obviously so. And therein lies the challenge for current and future presidents of colleges and universities: to articulate creatively a vision for the liberal arts and higher education that is both timeless and time sensitive, and that recognizes how what was valuable in the past can serve as the foundation for the future. It must be a vision that motivates and inspires faculty, and one whose new pedagogies must be based on a deep understanding of one's students, align with how those students learn, and allow for the kind of dynamism in both the pedagogy and curriculum essential for the 21st century.

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His Middlebury Magazine *Q&A on the "Liberal Arts Evolution" appeared in the fall 2012 issue. The summer 2012 report to the faculty that he references in this issue can be viewed at go.middlebury.edu/summer-report.*

Run to the Roar

Illustrations by Jody Hewgill

Around 300 or so years after the word courage first gained foothold in the lexicon (it was spelled *corage* in Middle English and *curage* in Old French), Milton wrote, in *Paradise Lost*, the words "courage never to submit or yield," essentially establishing a definition that we are all familiar with: "that quality of mind which shows itself in facing danger without fear or shrinking; bravery, boldness, valour."* ¶ In our cover essay, on page 1, the decorated international correspondent Ellen Hinsey beautifully writes about where courage comes from, explaining what makes a person courageous while asking all of us: what would you do if faced with similar circumstances? ¶ On the following pages is a collection of essays, oral histories, and narratives—eight Middlebury voices, each serving as an example of unshrinking bravery, boldness, or valor in the face of danger or fear. For some, their stories relate courageous moments, stands, or a way of life. For others, courage is found in the very act of writing these essays, of expressing these feelings. ¶ Within the pages of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the first definition of *courage*, from around 1300, describes "the heart as the seat of feeling, thought, etc." Chaucer wrote of courage this way. Later, Shakespeare did, too. As far as these eight Middlebury essays are concerned, courage defined this way works just as well.

*This, according to the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Keeping Faith

By Zaheena Rasheed '12

In February 2012, three days after I graduated from Middlebury, the first democratically elected government in my home country, the Maldives, was overthrown in a coup d'état. After spending a year on a Watson Fellowship, I returned home and took a job as a journalist. I came back to a country where family members and friends were routinely tear-gassed and beaten on the streets of the capital, Malé. I returned to a country where hundreds have been jailed and prosecuted for peaceful political activity. I returned home to a country where, in 2013, the nation's previous dictatorship rigged elections to return to power.

Then, last August, my friend and fellow reporter Ahmed Rilwan disappeared. Rilwan, who goes by @moyameehaa or "mad man," on Twitter, has not been seen or heard from since.

The odds appear insurmountable that we'll ever find Rilwan, yet our five-month effort to do so has taught me that we have no choice but to speak our minds, to continue to have faith in humanity. What choice do we have? We must bring sanity to an insane world.

Rilwan, though mild mannered in life, was loud on social media, mocking the Islamists and ridiculing the government for its hypocrisy and brutality. He made us laugh and, in doing so, he dissipated our fears.

Rilwan was last seen in the early hours of August 8, on the ferry between Malé and its suburb island Hulhumalé. In the days following, my colleagues and I organized a search party. One morning, in the midday heat, I walked through a construction zone, sifting through debris, calling out Rilwan's name, looking for signs of the black clothing, rubber shoes, and black bag he was wearing the night he disappeared. Climbing over piles of discarded cement bags and peering under rusty tin roofing, I realized the ease with which a human body can be hidden. For the first time in my life, I felt small. The search party yielded no results.

The next day, eyewitnesses came forward to say they'd seen a man being forced at knifepoint into a car in front of Rilwan's apartment building on the day he disappeared. The abductors had dropped a knife on the scene. When the incident was reported to the police, a forensics team confiscated the knife, but apparently failed to locate the car.

Five months have passed, and police officials have refused to give us any answers or updates about the investigation. Sources within the force have said that detectives consulted a clairvoyant on Rilwan's whereabouts.

We've chased a hundred leads, obtained and analyzed Rilwan's phone records, and hacked into his social media accounts for clues. We've kept watch at potential sites he may be held, organized petitions, lobbied politicians, held marches, read Rilwan's poetry on the streets. We've papered the city with missing-person posters. When the posters faded in the sun and rain, we put up new ones.

Through it all, I've cycled between hope and despair, often many times during the same day. Three months in, one of Rilwan's brothers sat me down in front of his mother and asked me if I thought Rilwan were still alive. I avoided the question, suddenly aware of the life in my body, the air passing through my lungs, and the blood coursing through my veins. But he looked into my eyes and said, "Tell me, in your honest opinion, is he alive or dead?" I said that until we find a body, we have to go on every day as if Rilwan were alive.

That day I realized why funeral rites are elevated in all of the world's cultures. We'll never be able to mourn Rilwan properly until we find out what happened to him, until we see his remains. The uncertainty will always keep pain alive.

In September, a local human-rights advocacy group published an investigative report implicating Islamist groups in Rilwan's disappearance. A few days later, one of the suspects named in the report vandalized the security cameras at the office of the news organization where I work. Two other men left a machete on our front door. That evening, I received a text message: "You will be disappeared or killed next."

That night, we had to evacuate our building after an arson threat. Shortly after that, the offices of the opposition political party were firebombed. Meanwhile, the text-messaged death threats have not stopped.

So, what now?

We continue to speak our minds, write poetry, sing songs, draw, and—above all—laugh.

I think we win only when we persevere, and we persevere because we love.

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Home Land

By Moriel Rothman-Zecher '11

Jerusalem—

It's mid-July 2014. In a taxi, winding through this ancient city's hilly streets, I ask the driver how he's doing.

"I'm super," he says. "Everything is honey."

"Really?"

"Oh, yes. It looks like all of the Middle East's problems will be solved soon." Here in Jerusalem, bomb sirens have been going off sporadically; they've been going off multiple times a day in Tel Aviv. More than a thousand Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have been killed, as have three Israeli civilians and dozens of soldiers. (And by the summer's end, that number rose to 2,131 Palestinians and 72 Israelis killed.)

I tell my driver he doesn't sound convinced, and he laughs drily. "We'll take out Hamas and there will be peace. And whatnot."

"I don't think it will work like that," I begin, then realize the conversation already exhausts me. I've spent this last month in a haze punctuated by moments of adrenaline and fear.

"You know," he says, pivoting. "No one likes the Palestinians. Not in the Arab world, not here."

These days especially, I've grown accustomed to sweeping statements, to casual racism, and to callous disregard. Still something inside me says I should try.

"Sort of the way people felt about Jews in the past, right?"

He pauses. "You know," he says, his tone still light, "you might be right."

I'm no stranger to being out of synch with the mainstream. —Moriel Rothman-Zecher '11

The conversation shifts to his interpretation of history—"Everyone's racist!"—and to his son, who wants to be a country singer in Texas. We arrive at our destination, and he turns to me, his eyes now serious.

"Hey, listen. Don't be too worried. We're not so bad, our people."

"I know," I say. "But I've been really disappointed lately."

"I've been disappointed, too."

"You have?"

"I have," he says. "We shouldn't have bombed that hospital in Gaza."

I'm no stranger to being out of synch with the mainstream. In the fall of 2012, Israel began a bombing campaign of the Gaza Strip ("Operation Pillar of Defense") the day after I'd been released from military jail for refusing to enlist in the Israeli Defense Force. I was born in Israel and spent my childhood both there and in Ohio. I'd always dreamed of becoming a combat soldier, but at 18, I decided to delay my army service until after college—a privilege derived from my American citizenship and upbringing—and by the time I'd graduated from Middlebury and returned to Israel, something in me had changed. Some accidental encounters had hardened into a more determined sort of conviction.

One of these encounters took place halfway through my sophomore year at Middlebury. It was the beginning of 2009, during Israel's "Operation Cast Lead"—the first of three recent Gaza operations—and I was working as a waiter at the Arabic language tables, stumbling over my newly acquired vocabulary with the student diners and other waitstaff. The head of the Arabic tables was senior Amer Shurrab '09, a Palestinian who would gently tease me about my grammatical mistakes and Hebrew-inflected accent.

During that monthlong operation, I read the news obsessively and felt nauseated and angry. But it was all distant: conceptually tragic, but personally vague. And then on January 16, during a lull in the fighting, Israeli soldiers opened fire on a car carrying three Palestinian men—a father and two sons—who were driving home from their farm near Khan Yunis in Gaza. One son, Kassab, leapt from the car and was killed after being shot at least 18 times. The father, Muhammad, and the younger son, Ibrahim, were both wounded: Muhammad shot in the arm; Ibrahim, the leg. For almost 11 hours, Muhammad and his wounded son were isolated in their car, and while Muhammad frantically telephoned for help—calling the local ambulance service, family members who in turn reached out to the Red Cross, the media—his son slowly bled to death. Ibrahim died around midnight. It was another 11 hours before the Israeli Army allowed an ambulance driver to evacuate Muhammad.

These were Amer Shurrab's brothers and father.

The week following, at the memorial service held in the Axinn Center, I told Amer I was sorry for the loss of his family members. He thanked me and shook my hand. Later, sitting alone in my dorm room, I wondered what it would mean for me to express my condolences to Amer and then join the same army that had killed his brothers. Five years later, I stood at the front lines of a protest, supporting other Israelis who refused to enlist during the recent "Operation Protective Edge" and thinking of Amer and his family.

Lately, I find myself clinging to shards: the conversation in the taxi, the handshake—little splinters of hope that maybe, after all, the future of this place is not written. That maybe tomorrow still depends on what we do today.

Moriel Rothman-Zecher's writing has appeared in the New York Times, *the* Huffington Post, Sojourners Magazine, *the* Daily Beast, Haaretz, *and the* Jewish Daily Forward, *among other publications. He is currently working on a book.*

After graduating from Middlebury, Amer Shurrab went on to earn a master's degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in international policy studies.

If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?

By Hannah Quinn '16

Recently, I watched a video of Emma Watson speaking before the United Nations on the importance of feminism. To steel against nervousness and doubt, she told herself: "If not me, who? If not now, when?" She was addressing the world's most important leaders, but I felt as if she were speaking directly to me. For years, I've held onto a secret—always wanting to speak up, but never having the confidence to do so. But if not me, who? If not now, when? The striking simplicity of Emma's words convinced me to write this.

I tried to commit suicide when I was seventeen.

No one walked in and tried to stop me.

No one took me to the hospital.

No one even knew what had happened.

The two years following, I had to look in the mirror every day and face a dark shadow of myself. It stole any bit of positivity I tried to hold on to and fed me guilt and lies until I couldn't conceive a single thought about myself that wasn't full of hatred. After going through intense therapy and receiving support from a few special people, I no longer have to be part of the silent majority of those who live with the demon of depression.

I'm shaking right now as I type. Addressing this publicly isn't easy. It feels like reaching for attention. It feels like a matter I should deal with on my own and then move on from. Most of all, publishing something I know I can never take back is scary.

Earlier in the semester, however, another Middlebury student wrote about her depression, and I found reading her story incredibly comforting. To hear that others on campus are fighting similar battles—to know I'm not alone—is so reassuring. The risk of feeling embarrassed or judged is worth it if even one person reads this and feels some comfort.

I'm tired of being in an invisible community of people who struggle with mental-health issues, who are scared of the stigma and judgment that comes with speaking out. After I opened up to my parents, they told me more than seven members of my family have attempted or committed suicide. I never knew. I'm also tired of living in a world where depression is a misunderstood, misused term. Depression isn't someone dressed in all black, friendless, crying in the corner. Depression is your roommate, your sister, your dad, your lab partner, your team captain. Depression gets hidden behind a mask of normalcy because we live in a world that accepts nothing less than perfection. My lips are tired of smiling every day, and my eyes are tired of holding back tears.

I'm tired.

But I'm energized by the thought of hopefully turning years of pain, struggle, and guilt into something positive. I want to encourage people to voice their mental-health struggles, and I want to help create a community on campus around this silenced issue. I wish I had the answers for how to do this. "Community," "stigma," and "speak up" are catchy buzzwords, but how do they translate into real, tangible changes? Unfortunately, spending countless sleepless nights thinking about this hasn't led me closer to a conclusion. But I'm one person, and I refuse to believe that an entire campus of bright, caring individuals couldn't figure out ways to make Middlebury more inclusive, open, and aware. If you have ideas, personal experiences, or even just an interest in mental health, I'm all ears. And if you're hesitating in reaching out, ask yourself: If not me, who? If not now, when?

Since originally writing this essay in September and posting it to the blog mentalhealthatmidd.wordpress.com, Hannah says she's heard from legions of people—friends and strangers—who have convinced her, beyond any doubt, that being open about her experiences and engaging in frank discussions about depression are endeavors worth engaging.

However, she writes, "I'm nervous the conversation won't last. Each conversation, each article about mental health, is like striking a match. The flame burns quickly, and the light goes out until another match is struck. What our campus needs, and what our world needs, is not the striking of a match, but a fire. We need a fire that will continue to burn from this day forward and shed light on a very dark topic. Those of us with personal experiences have a responsibility to throw our log on the fire and make it burn brighter. If we stop contributing, many will still be left in the darkness. Put simply, the conversations we have as a community can't be fleeting or event-based anymore."

Coming to America

By Chime Dolma '12, as told to Bianca Giaever '13

In Tibet, we were a family of nomads. We would herd animals—yaks, sheep, horses, goats—and they provided all our food. We were always on the move, always looking for places that had enough grass to feed the animals. On a typical day, I'd wake up at dawn to milk the female yaks, and then I'd take them into the mountains, which is where the best grass was. I'd spend the whole day alone with these animals and then, when the sun started to go down, everyone would meet back up at our tent, which was made of yak fur.

It was a life without electricity and without the Internet, obviously. I don't have pictures of that time. We had no means to take photographs. And this was how we lived until I was 11 or 12 years old.

My mother died giving birth to me and my twin sister. And after my mother's death, my father became a monk, so I was raised largely by my aunt.

Though he didn't live with us, we were still close to my father. He was the one who told me what a school was. I was different from other children I knew because I wanted to go to school. But we couldn't. The Chinese government watched my father, who'd been accused of political dissent, and this made going to school too dangerous. Eventually it was too dangerous for us even to stay in Tibet.

When I was told we were leaving Tibet for India, I imagined this fairytale place where you could do anything you wanted. I realized later this impression came from my family talking about freedom of speech, freedom of expression. We didn't really have that in Tibet.

The trip took two months, and it's not a journey you survive unless you're being well cared for. We traveled mostly on foot, and our emigration was illegal. We didn't have passports, and we traveled at night so that government officials wouldn't catch us.

I was lucky. My father paid a lot of money to the guide leading us out, and this meant I was put in a box for the journey, which was considered lucky. The weather conditions were so harsh, so unrelenting, that many of those walking suffered frostbite. Not everyone survived.

Even during the day, I stayed in the box. Our guide would find a sympathetic truck driver or someone who had pulled off the road to rest, and they would store the box as if it were cargo. It had holes, so I could breathe, but that was the only comfort. I remember getting sick and always feeling hungry. There was never enough to eat.

But I was lucky. I survived. We started out as a group of 30. Only about 20 people made it.

After we got to India, Human Rights Watch helped my father escape to the United States. My sister and I were to eventually join him there. This was in 2000. He arrived with nothing. He didn't know the language; he was this monk from rural Tibet arrived in New York City. Can you imagine?

When my sister and I got to New York in 2003, we were placed in eighth grade—in M.S. 394 on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn—because of our age. But we didn't know English! When I'd arrived in India, I was illiterate. I didn't even know how to hold a pen. I'd just learned the Tibetan alphabet, how to write *in Tibetan,* while in India. My sister and I would sit in class, listening to a language we didn't understand and waiting for the clock to turn to 3:00. When we got home, we'd study English vocabulary for five hours a night.

We arrived in the spring, so after a month the school year was over, and they were ready to send us to high school! I tried to explain to a guidance counselor that we needed to go to a school where we could start from the beginning, but she couldn't understand me. My dad had to bring in a translator.

Eventually they understood—both what we were saying and what my sister and I needed—and we subsequently enrolled in a school that had just opened for recent immigrants.

I'd get to school at 6:00 in the morning, and my teachers would stay with me long after the school day ended. Some days I'd be there as late as 9:00 at night. And I was able to finish in four years.

As a junior at International High School at Prospect Heights, Chime Dolma was recognized by then-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as one of

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New York City's five top students. Upon her high school graduation, she was one of the first Tibetans to receive the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship. She graduated from Middlebury in 2012 and taught world history and Chinese at Asheville Preparatory School in Asheville, North Carolina, for two years. She is now a graduate student at Columbia University Teachers College, where she is pursuing a master's degree in international educational development.

When the Liberator Went Down

By Frederick C. Kelly '45, as told to Amanda Montgomery, his granddaughter

Air Force recruiters came to campus in the spring of 1942. Pearl Harbor was still fresh in our minds, and when I met with those recruiters in Gifford Hall, I was ready to sign up right away. I was 18, so my only option was to enlist. At the time, the military was only drafting those 20 years old and older, and I recall having an intense sense of pride—it was my choice to go fight. I was enlisting.

All of my pre-theater training—basic training, pilot training—was in Texas, and that's where I learned to fly the B-24. In 1944, I was assigned as copilot with a nine-man crew on a Liberator, a B-24 bomber. We were the 801st Bomb Group, part of the 8th Air Force flying out of Harrington, England, and tasked with flying clandestine night missions over Nazi-occupied Europe.

Our bombers were painted black, to avoid detection, and we often flew low-level missions, dropping spies and supplies for the French Underground. On our fifth mission, though, in the early morning hours of March 3, 1944, we caught German flak. We were at too low an altitude to bail out, so our only recourse was to attempt a nighttime landing. We went down hard in a field east of Abbeville, France. We skidded several hundred yards before hitting the base of a small hill, and the plane split open. Of the eight of us, seven survived the crash, though I was almost a casualty. I was thrown halfway through the plane's windshield, held in place by my safety harness and parachute, which saved my life on impact but almost cost me it moments later. With gas leaking, flames started to lick at the fuselage, and my crewmates were shouting for me to hurry and get out. I struggled to get untangled, breaking free just in time. I was scampering up the hill when the plane exploded.

We walked for several miles in the dark, and as daylight approached we climbed down into a gully to sleep and hide from occupied forces. At dusk, we ventured back out and encountered some elderly men, who we assumed would be supporting the Underground. Taking a risk, we identified ourselves—though our flying suits were surely a dead giveaway, even if we hadn't. Providence was on our side, as the men led us to a farmhouse in a nearby village, where we were fed, given clothes to wear, and sheltered for several days.

When we were well enough to travel again, a woman and her 12-year-old nephew ushered us onto a train bound for Bordeaux, France, where another Underground member was to meet up with us. Upon arriving in Bordeaux, however, we learned that our contact had been arrested by the German authorities, and we were on our own.

My safety harness and parachute held me in place, which saved my life on impact, but almost cost me it moments later.
—Frederick Kelly '45

During the next six weeks, we slowly made our way south toward the Pyrenees Mountains and anticipated freedom in Spain. We tried to be inconspicuous, separating into solo travelers, so as not to attract attention, but always staying within eyesight of each other. We had been taught not to speak, to feign deafness, for fear of our American accents giving us away. We tried to rest during the day and travel at night; we found that working-class families were eager to feed us, but were more hesitant to offer shelter for fear of attracting attention. Women were more helpful than men. We assumed this was because if the Germans caught a woman helping one of us, she'd be thrown in jail; a man would be shot on sight.

As we neared the border, though, we began to be captured—one by one. If any of us saw another being arrested, we just had to walk on without helping our friend, acting as if we didn't know him. This was agonizing. The constant pressure and paranoia of sneaking through occupied territory was emotionally draining all on its own. To then see your fellow brothers in arms arrested, bound for what—death? Prison camp?—was almost a fate worse than death.

By the time I reached the mountains, I was alone, every one of my crewmates captured. Eventually, I made it across the border—and was promptly arrested by the Spanish police. I was seen as an illegal alien in a neutral country. The Spanish didn't release me to the American consulate right away. I learned that the Germans were removing the dog tags from dead American soldiers and airman, attempting to then use them to sneak German spies back into England through Spain. Eventually, though, the American consulate confirmed my identity, and on June 8, 1944, I returned to England.

This account comes largely from a series of conversations Fred Kelly had with his granddaughter. It was supplemented with a phone conversation with Kelly, now 91 years old, and from an account given to Colonel Robert Fish for his oral history Memories of the 801st/492nd Bombardment Group.

Life, Interrupted

By Daphne Perry '82, as told to Matt Jennings

My father died unexpectedly in December 2010, and less than a year later, my mom had been diagnosed with breast cancer. A mammogram revealed a six-centimeter tumor—a

Right away, I think, *Oh my god, that looks just like mom's.* —Daphne Perry '83

Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS)—and she underwent two lumpectomies, in September and October, at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City. After my father's death, we'd moved Mom from her home in Southern Utah to live near us in Salt Lake. Her diagnosis made me glad we had done so, though I was also feeling the responsibility of being her primary caregiver. I was working full time as a physical therapist in a hospital burn center, and I had a four-year-old daughter at home. I became a mother relatively late in life—I was 47 when Mckenzie was born—and I recall feeling so overwhelmed early that fall. It's almost laughable now to think I was overwhelmed *then*.

Anyway, I'd missed *my* regular mammogram in September. My grandmother died of breast cancer, so both my mother, my sister, and I have been diligent about getting mammograms annually. (I had my first when I was 35, and one each year after turning 40.) I'd always scheduled one for September—my birth month—but between burying my father and caring for my mother, I had pushed it back to October, right after my mom's second lumpectomy.

So I went for my mammogram, and I was sitting there in the hospital when they put up the film. Right away, I think, *Oh my god, that looks just like mom's.*

The doctor was a little more circumspect but did say that, yes, it looked like DCIS and that a needle biopsy was necessary.

On November 8, 2011, I learned that cancer was present in two areas of my breast. It felt as if the world were collapsing inward on me and my family.

It was either that day or the next that I emailed my mother's surgeon at Huntsman and told her my diagnosis, and she got me in to see her within a few days. I guess I'd been anticipating she'd tell me I'd need a lumpectomy. I had steeled myself for the news, thinking how grateful I was that this would be all that was required. So when the doctor walked into the examining room and said, "Daphne, you need a mastectomy," I burst into tears.

Because the cancer was in two quadrants, she explained, a mastectomy was necessary, and we set about scheduling surgery. I didn't want to go through this again in two, three, or ten years, so I chose to have bilateral mastectomies.

On the first Monday in December, I had both my breasts removed.

You know what one of the hardest parts was? Being inactive. All my life I've been an athlete, and I was a competitive racer with USA Cycling—it helped that I was in such good physical shape, but it also made the recovery process mentally tough. Here's a sight for you: shortly after my surgery, I was up on a recumbent bike at the gym, peddling away, with drains hanging from my torso! And I developed a collection of fluid under my armpit because I started lifting light weights too soon.

These experiences forced me to develop patience, and I've found this has really helped my work in the burn center, because I have more empathy. Physical therapists are notorious for being hard-asses: *you will do this, and you will do this now*. Now I feel I have a better understanding of what it takes to be patient.

By the beginning of 2012, things were looking up. I'd met with a bunch of oncologists, and they all agreed that radiation and chemotherapy would be unnecessary, though I still had one procedure ahead of me. Further genetic testing had shown I was BRCA2 positive, which meant I was at increased risk of ovarian cancer. So that spring, at the same time I had my new breasts put in, I had my fallopian tubes and ovaries removed.

It was one more step I had to take.

Since her surgeries, Daphne Perry has been a three-time rider in the annual Huntsman 140, a cycling event that raises money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. The past two years, she has ridden all 140 miles.

You Are Seven

By Alex Strott '15

You are seven years old
Maybe eight
It doesn't matter, you won't remember
These were pre-deadline days
You knew it was time to wake up when your mom sat on your bed and kissed your face good morning
You knew it was time for dinner when the blood-orange sun hurt your eyes in the distance
You are seven or eight but because you have two little sisters and you can run faster than all the boys
You think you are just so goddamn old

He is thirteen
Old as dirt, as your preschool teacher used to say
He picks you up during a game of cops and robbers in the cul-de-sac with the other kids, and carries you to his back porch, just a left past the mailbox, down a tree-lined hill
You see a girl sitting on the neighbor's swing but it's stopped swaying
She is young, not much older than yourself
For a moment, though, you forget her
Thinking this is just another part of the game where you got caught
You shout and kick your feet in laughter
But only at first, until his hand slides down your pants and starts rubbing your bathing suit parts like a pet rabbit
    Like he owns it
Your quick feet won't help you now
Still it's not his touch that makes your limbs go limp
You silence in awe at the look on that girl's face
As she sits and stares, saying nothing
Not with her words, not with her eyes, not with anything
She offers nothing
    Speechless, emotionless, less and less alive
He lets you go eventually and you skip back to home base

Uninflicted but forever changed
You'll never look him in the eye again but her virgin stare will follow you throughout your life

Fast forward some 10 years and you are 17
Maybe younger, maybe older
Doesn't matter, you'll tell them all you're 18 anyway
He is much older
Kind of cute in that suit-and-tie kind of way
Five o'clock shadow says it's time to grow up
You hear him talk about his work at the Gazette and so you ask him what he studied and when he says journalism you gush and tell him you're in love
It's a joke, but still, you let him pour you one more shot
You were never counting anyway
Glossy eyed and stumbling you let it slip that you might be getting tired
You let it slip that you might be a bit too good at lying
Down you slip into his greedy arms as he drags you down
To lie on a bed that feels like rocks on your back
His body is like waves crashing crashing crashing into you
Brain fluids swimming
Whole head is spinning
Your eyes close just long enough not to see what happens next
You'll awake in a daze so deep you can barely taste the salt on your lips

Today, you walk the streets with a hard heart and thick skin, calloused by the touch of uninvited fingers and bodies you don't even know the names of
You're older now
You are seven and you are seventeen and you are nearly twenty all at once
You are older than you should be
But you will never be old enough

Alex Strott's account of surviving a sexual assault was originaly published on the website for the Middlebury chapter of the It Happens Here (IHH) project and read at an IHH forum in the spring of 2013.

Not the Man They Think I Am at Home

By T Cooper '94

Excerpts from a "Draft of the Letter I Eventually Sent My Parents to Let Them Know That I Wasn't Their Daughter Anymore"

The good news is: I don't think it's a giant mystery to you that I don't identify as female. Sexual identity and gender identity are two entirely different (though of course not completely unrelated) things; one is who you're attracted to, the other is who you are. I know for years you've just assumed I was gay—because of who I've been romantically involved with. But it's not as simple as that—in fact, I don't think I ever actually "came out" to you as anything, sexual-identity speaking. I was just me, and this was who I was dating at any particular time. In truth, I never really felt gay at all, and that's why those words never came out of my mouth. Not once. And the word *lesbian*? I have never and would never use that term in reference to myself. Never. In fact, I'm probably one of the most lesbo-phobic people on the planet, probably because of my own messed-up issues of not wanting to be assumed to be one. I have no problems with lesbians; I'm just not one.

...As far as my gender goes, I know it's been obvious to you for years that my gender presentation is not normative, that is, it has never really fit perfectly into the male/female binary. It's always fallen somewhere in between, and in the past decade or so, it has organically migrated to the male side of the spectrum. I don't know how else to say it, but: I'm basically a dude...

...I love you and always will. This has nothing to do with you, anything you did or didn't do. I'm the same person I've always been, regardless of gender or whom I sleep with, have relationships with, what my haircut looks like, books I write, what I wear, where I live, whom I socialize with, how frequently I go to the gym—any of these and several other things you've agonized over in the past. I am not a "man trapped in a woman's body." That's asinine. I was born into the body I was born into; I'm not trapped, but I am a man. I know you've heard me say stuff like this in the past, both publicly and privately; I know you've seen some of this material pop up in some of my writing, in interviews, and at readings in the form of questions from the audience about my characters. I know you have been with me when people refer to me as "he" and you have flustered many a waitperson when referring to me as "she" or "your daughter" when there is nothing but what looks like a son sitting at the table with you...

...If you can, please try to hear me, and not whatever you might've seen or heard on this topic; it's not like the pregnant man on *Oprah* or the lady on *Maury* who didn't know she'd married a guy who had not been born male. It's not like what you've read in your PFLAG pamphlets or online about "roid rage." I don't turn into the Incredible Hulk at intervals (if only). I have not been tortured and miserable for years and years suppressing some deep, dark secret that I've been afraid would come out and destroy me and my family; my experience is completely my own. It's not a "hard life," certainly not harder than most others' on this planet. I know this may be forever impossible for you to understand, but this is nothing for you to worry about: it's simply, for me, the most natural thing in the world.

I don't know how else to say it, but: I'm basically a dude... —T Cooper '94

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Antoinette Rangel Is Having the Time of Her Life

And for those who know her well, this comes as no surprise.

By Jaime Fuller '11

Photograph by Stephen Voss

She knows it sounds excessively earnest, but Antoinette Rangel '09 tells her colleagues, "It's been a pleasure to serve the American people with you today!" every evening before leaving the White House. (And it does sound so like Aaron Sorkin that one can almost hear patriotic music swelling in the background as she walks and talks. But after talking to Rangel and her friends and colleagues it becomes clear that the enthusiasm is utterly genuine.)

As deputy director of Hispanic Media Outreach for the Obama administration, Rangel has served as a major point of contact during a year in which Hispanic media outlets have been especially keen to hear the president's position on certain issues. The days before President Obama announced his executive action on immigration—which aims to protect more than four million undocumented immigrants—were the "kind of days you're so busy you can hardly see straight; you forget to eat lunch; you're moving a million miles an hour, fervently ticking items off a never-ending to-do list." Rangel insists, however, she was smiling the entire time.

While tweeting from the White House's bilingual Twitter account during the president's speech on the executive action, she couldn't help but think of all the work preceding that moment. In particular, one of the president's lines stood out to her: "We were strangers once, too."

"It was very powerful," she writes in an email, "for the president to remind us all of what binds us together as a nation: a tradition of welcoming immigrants is the very fabric of who we are."

Since creating jobs like Rangel's, the administration says it's seen broader coverage from Hispanic outlets, which not only report on the White House's work on immigration, but also on health care, student loans, the minimum wage, and other topics. During previous administrations, Hispanic media was addressed under the larger banner of specialized media. (Though this would've been a difficult tradition to keep, since Hispanic media outlets are proliferating, with more than 20 having been formed since 2000.)

Rangel says that within the White House, people have viewed the Hispanic media coverage of the executive actions as largely positive, although she acknowledges that this year immigration advocates have become impatient for the federal government to act. "It's tough to be patient," Rangel writes. "I know, as a Latina myself, how it impacts millions of lives daily." Later she adds, "In my family, I've seen the impact of lack of education, opportunity, and access to health care—for me it isn't just statistics on a page but people in my life whom I love."

When Rangel first got her job in the Obama administration, one of her cousins asked something to the effect of "Oh, are you going to be the help? And take care of the girls?"

That fueled her, she writes, saying it "reminds me how important being part of this administration is; because I think about my family and all the other young Latinas who might not think it's possible to work in a place like the White House. And to them I say what the president says so often: dream big dreams."

Rangel's days rarely end when she leaves her White House desk. Most evenings after work she heads straight to class at Georgetown Law School, where she also serves as a transfer peer mentor. Rangel had been a law student at Northeastern, in Boston, when she took the job in the Obama administration's communications office in 2010; now she's catching up in night classes. She's also in a gospel choir and twice a month works the night shift at a women's homeless shelter in Northwest D.C. In what free time she had, she'd been training for the Marine Corps Marathon, which she completed in November while wearing a liberal amount of American flag apparel.

But Rangel revels in the frenetic pace of her days. In fact, when Univision profiled her as one of the 15 most influential Latinos or Latinas in the executive branch, she told them the one thing she'd change is the number of hours she has to work—that is, she'd like to be in the White House more. Apparently, the long days and the vow to be attached to her Blackberry and iPhone aren't enough. "Even on the most tiring days," she says, "the place still takes my breath away."

When Rangel was a kid, she had a very typical list of dream jobs. She was intrigued by the elephant trainers she saw every year at the circus near her home in the Bronx. She considered becoming an actress or a singer. Once she got older, however, her ambitions grew.

She attended La Guardia High School, best known as the setting for the 1980 film *Fame*, hoping both for a good education and time to sing. Her English teacher Ed McCarthy says she didn't voice any specific ambitions, but that she was "driven to do good." Before graduating, she considered becoming a lawyer or running for political office, testing out the latter by serving as copresident of her senior class. Then, in 2005, she went to Middlebury as a Posse Scholar. At Middlebury, Posse students arrive early their first year, and Rangel was the first person to introduce herself to everyone. And she just kept going from there.

Rangel served all four years on the Community Council; she lived at the social house KDR. She played rugby, sang jazz, attended weekly Posse meetings, and led a spring-break service trip to the Dominican Republic. She volunteered at a nursing home nearby, as well as with the Migrant Farmworkers Coalition. She was president of the College Democrats. She also worked on several political campaigns—the summer after she completed high school, she campaigned for Gifford Miller when he ran against Mayor Michael Bloomberg in NYC. As well, she did a summer stint for Hillary Clinton before the 2008 presidential primaries, telling the *Middlebury Campus* that fall, "I believe that Hillary has the experience to lead starting on day one."

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"I guess Ant kind of grew on me like a fungus, and I honestly say that with such love and gratefulness," Brown says.

Ross Commons Dean Ann Hanson served with Rangel on Middlebury's Community Council and recalls a time when Rangel was nearly speechless after running into Chief Justice John Roberts, who was on campus to give a lecture. Earlier, Rangel had sat at his table for lunch and later that day he said hello while passing her on the sidewalk.

"You'll never believe it, Ann," Hanson remembers Rangel saying, "but he knows my name!"

Murray Dry, the Charles A. Dana Professor of Political Science, recollects that Rangel wanted to be a U.S. senator. He was skeptical about how feasible this career path was, but admired Rangel's work ethic enough to entertain the idea. "She wasn't the type of student who only takes courses she would easily succeed in," Dry says. "She was not the top student, but worked incredibly hard. I admired that. Sticking with something, it's not something you see in every student."

Dry believes Rangel would make an excellent representative—a job she's considered. In fact, she told at least one White House reporter that she hopes to one day join New York's congressional delegation. And she's spoken of similar ambitions to those close to her.

Julia Stevens, a childhood friend, remembers when they were in ninth grade Rangel saying she was going to be governor of New York someday. "I was in awe of her," Stevens says. "I don't know how she does it. I don't think I'll ever know."

And Sheyenne Brown '09, who was in Rangel's Posse class, predicts that after Rangel graduates law school and is a "badass civil rights attorney" for awhile, she'll "be the first woman or Hispanic president." Brown continues, "I'd say she had been very clear about her political aspirations from the very beginning. If not explicitly, then in her demeanor."

Rangel impresses those around her with her drive, her ambition, and her ability to accomplish a lot. Which means that her busy D.C. life must feel comforting: it's the way she's always led her life. If anything, her chief strategy seems to be amassing experiences until all obstacles are scared away in the face of brute busyness.

After ending her collegiate career as president of the Student Government Association, Rangel went to Northeastern, planning to apply for summer internships at the White House every summer until she was offered a job. She didn't have long to wait. After her first year of law school, she landed an internship in the White House Office of Political Affairs. There she ran into an old friend, Josh Earnest, a deputy press secretary in the White House. (The two had worked together on a gubernatorial campaign in Florida in 2006.) That summer, they often had lunch together, and as Rangel was preparing to return to Boston to begin her second year of law school, Earnest suggested she apply for a full-time job as press wrangler. She said she couldn't, that the timing was bad. But after spending the night thinking it over, she changed her mind.

"When I returned to planet Earth," she says, "and realized I'd just been offered the opportunity to interview for a dream job, I emailed Josh at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning and said I was 150 percent in and that I'd do whatever it took to get the position."

Most of her personal peanut gallery, the ones who have been placing odds on how far she'll go, have been on White House tours. Rangel estimates she's given hundreds—tours for her mom's best friend's third-grade class, for friends from home, for Middlebury professors. They comment on how balanced and healthy she looks, but don't quite understand how that's possible, given how much she's doing.

"People call me turbo, or very type-A," Rangel says. "It is very hard for me to sit still." She adds, "I thrive off being busy and am definitely a workaholic." It's these qualities that make her an effective advocate for the causes that are important to her, says Josh Earnest, now the White House press secretary. "Her success stems from her tenacity and determination to fight for what she believes in."

Perhaps, say some, Rangel's ability to stay balanced comes from perspective, perspective that allows her to be serious about her work while never taking *herself* so seriously (a quality rarely seen in Washington).

When Sheyenne Brown met Rangel that first week at Middlebury, she remembers that the LaGuardia High graduate had been on a "mismatching kick where she wore these crazy clothes. I just *knew* it was because she was trying to be different." Different from Middlebury, maybe, but perfectly in synch with who Rangel was—a new place wasn't going to change that. (Her freshman year, Rangel and her father made a cardboard Ben & Jerry's pint for her Halloween costume—extending a family tradition of designing and constructing outlandish costumes—and several people at Middlebury remember it even today.)

It's momentarily stunning to hear Brown describe Rangel as "one of the most obnoxious people I'd ever met," though, to be honest, Brown's sentiment is both understandable and endearing, especially when you hear her talk about it. (At the beginning of their freshman year, the two had driven to Vermont together, with Rangel playing "Chariot" by Gavin DeGraw on the car stereo repeatedly. "Sheyenne will never forgive me for playing that song," she says.)

"I guess Ant kind of grew on me like a fungus, and I honestly say that with such love and gratefulness," Brown says. "She pretty much forced her way into my heart, and I can't even pinpoint when I started to adore her the way I do now."

One White House tour in particular stands out for Rangel. When her sister Elia first saw the Oval Office, "the gravity of it hit her, and her face lit up with excitement and turned bright red."

"It's very exciting to share this place with others," Rangel says. "Every day it feels surreal, like at some point someone will wake me from this incredible dream."

Out of anyone else's mouth, such sentiment would sound excessively earnest. But for Rangel, it just sounds . . . *right*.

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We spend more waking hours at work than we do in our homes, so over time our offices become domains of their own. Their state of order may reflect our personalities; their degree of utility signaling an indication of not only how we work but how we live. And for a faculty member, the composition of one's daily retreat contains an added dimension: the representation of a life's journey dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the dissemination thereof.

Sarah Laursen
TITLE: Assistant Professor of History of Art and Architecture; Curator, Asian Art
OFFICE LOCATION: Room 119, Mahaney Center for the Arts
CURIOSITIES: **1.** Shells of sea snail used to make reddish-purple natural dye known as Tyrian purple; **2.** Tibetan prayer wheel, which contains a scripture that is "sent out into the world" every time the wheel is turned; **3.** Laughing Buddha, which sat on the mantle of Laursen's childhood home for many years. "It's not actually a Buddha at all, though; a common misconception." **4.** Stoneware mug that was made by a local potter in East Middlebury.

Phanindra V. Wunnava

TITLE: David K. Smith '42 Chair in Applied Economics
OFFICE LOCATION: 502F, Warner Hall
CURIOSITIES: 1. Short-wave radio, used by Wunnava to listen to cricket matches and music broadcast from his native India; 2. Framed degrees, among the six earned by Wunnava, which include two bachelor's degrees, two master's degrees, and two doctorates; 3. Poster, depicting the cover of Wunnava's book *The Changing Role of Unions*, recognized by Princeton University as one of the 12 "noteworthy books in industrial relations and labor economics" in 2004; 4. Photograph of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Wunnava's spiritual guru, who "physically left the world in 2011."

Kit Wilson

TITLE: Julian W. Abernethy Professor of Humanities
OFFICE LOCATION: Room 246, Axinn Center at Starr Library
CURIOSITIES: **1.** Bust of Abraham Lincoln, given to Wilson, an Illinois native, on his 8th birthday; **2.** Trophies and golf balls, commemorating a pair of holes in one made by Wilson; **3.** Chicago Cubs cap, faithfully worn by a long-suffering fan; **4.** Bound copies of *Harper's Magazine* dating to the late 19th century.

Bettina Matthias

TITLE: Professor of German; Director, German School
OFFICE LOCATION: CKII, Freeman International Center
CURIOSITIES: **1.** Styrofoam clock, a playful prop used by Matthias to teach time in German; **2.** Gold-painted abacas, from Matthias's German production of *The Three Penny Opera*. "No funds to buy a big cash register!"; **3.** Moose cookie cutter, a gift from a student as thanks for accompanying her in a recital. (Matthias is an accomplished pianist.); **4.** Cartoon drawn by the late German humorist Loriot.

James Fitzsimmons

TITLE: Associate Professor of Anthropology
LABORATORY LOCATION: Munroe Hall
CURIOSITIES: 1. Projectile points, discovered in New England, ranging in age from 500 years to 6,000 years old. The bag also includes projectile points, largely spear points and arrowheads, discovered in Addison County; 2. Textile, contemporary, but made on a 17th- or 18th-century loom. Crafted in Oaxaca, Mexico, using all-natural dyes, the likes of which would have been used centuries ago; 3. Replica hominid skulls, depicting ages from 10,000 to 3.5 million years ago; 4. Replica of a Mayan pot that would have contained a ceremonial burial offering.

Roger Sandwick

TITLE: Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry
OFFICE LOCATION: Room 451, McCardell Bicentennial Hall
CURIOSITIES: 1. Brass bell, given to Sandwick's father, a school superintendent; 2. Pointer, used in class by Sandwick's great-uncle, who was a professor at Syracuse University; 3. Rheological fluids, used to model flow; 4. Dodecahedron, in the shape of a virus.

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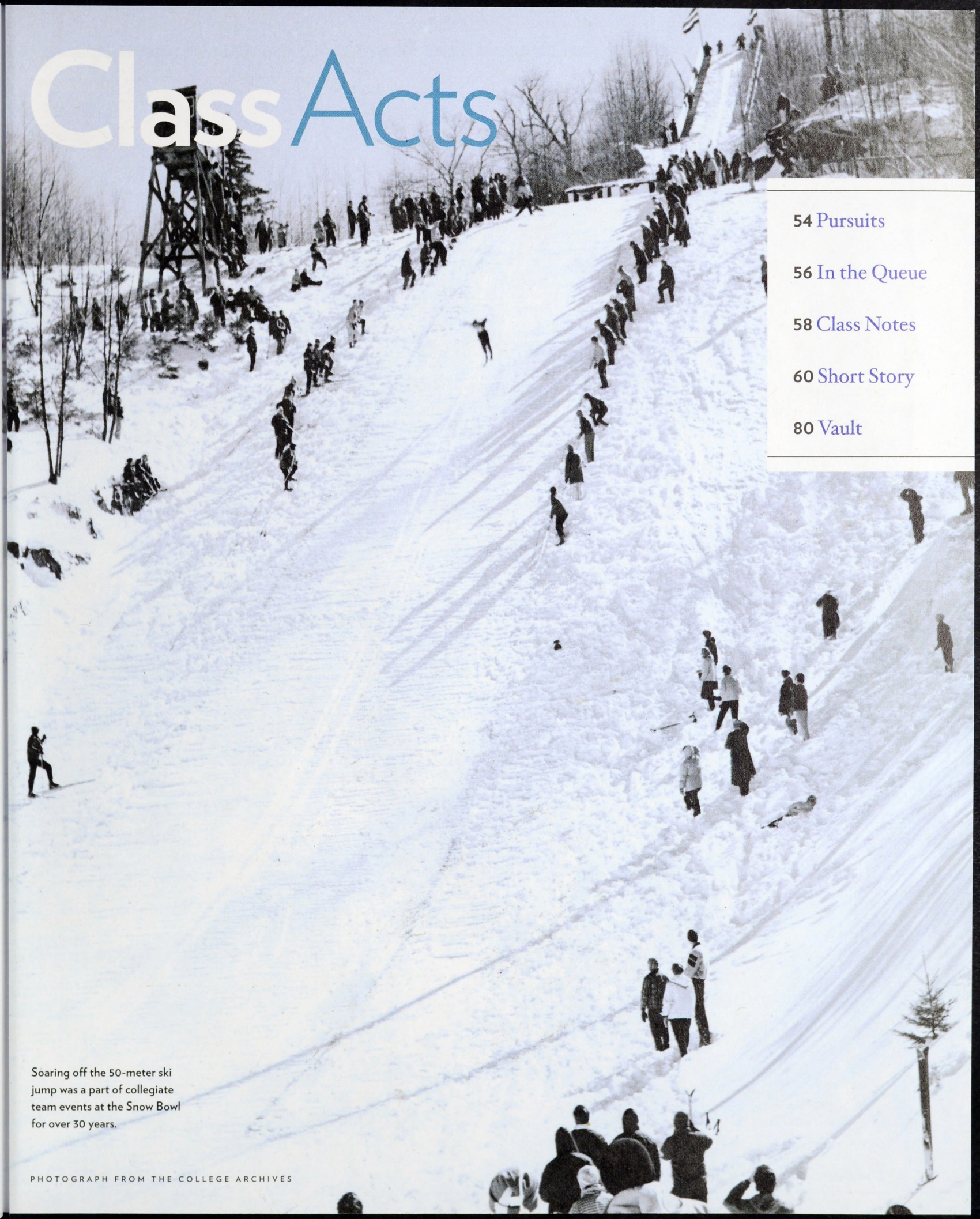

Soaring off the 50-meter ski jump was a part of collegiate team events at the Snow Bowl for over 30 years.

PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES

By Kathryn Flagg '08

Dancing Queen

In a dance studio in White River Junction, Vermont, 10 women lace up thin-soled sandals and tie brightly colored sashes around their waists, the silver coins embroidered on their skirts shimmering and chiming as they move. In purple leggings and a matching sash, Gina Capossela '87 calls "one-two-three, one-two-three." The women step in a circle about the studio, finger cymbals sounding and sashes swaying, their wrists flicking in fluid motions. Capossela, who is wiry and strong, with a nimbus of dark, curly hair pulled back from her face, shimmies her hips and turns lightly on the ball of her foot.

Meet the Pied Piper of Middle Eastern dance in a corner of the world seemingly as far from the Middle East as one can get: the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire. An itinerant dance teacher, Capossela holds classes in town halls and elementary school cafeterias and community centers. And where she goes, students follow.

"She's a dynamo," says Julie Grant, a longtime student. "She inspires all of us. She's more than just a dance teacher."

Capossela grew up in Vermont in the '70s and '80s, graduated from Woodstock High School, and then went to Middlebury, where she studied art history and Italian. It wasn't until after she graduated that she began studying dance seriously. At first, it was purely a hobby, one secondary to her career in social work and human services.

But in the early 2000s, after holding jobs ranging from volunteer gigs on crisis hotlines to executive directorships, Capossela assessed her career. "I had done everything," she says. Her realization? "I was bored to tears by it."

So in 2003 she quit her job and moved to Washington, D.C., to earn her master's degree in dance from American University. During that time, she performed with the Silk Road Dance Company, dancing at the Egyptian and Uzbek embassies, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and before the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She went on to travel to Egypt, Morocco, and Turkey to study under other teachers.

Right from the outset in 2005, when Capossela began offering lessons, the would-be belly dancers of the Upper Valley were enthusiastic. "It wasn't just me," Capossela says. Middle Eastern dance was catching on across the nation. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—and the ensuing national fascination with the Middle East—may have played some part in the belly-dance craze, Capossela thinks.

Certainly Nicole Conte, whose husband had deployed to Iraq with the Vermont National Guard, was curious about anything having to do with the Middle East. She showed up at one of Capossela's showcases in 2005. "I've never missed a term since," Conte says.

Today, Capossela makes her living teaching full time: her classes range from American-style belly dance to classical, Bhangra, and Bollywood-style Indian dancing. In the Bhangra class, dancers ditch their hip scarves for workout gear and sneakers since the Punjabi folk dance brims with bouncing, spinning, high-energy moves.

Capossela suspects it's how these forms of dance make women feel—more than the dance's geographical origins—that keeps them coming back.

"This is an art form where adult women, who are shaped as average adult women are, can flourish and sparkle and radiate," she says. Belly dancing as practiced in the West isn't "a form of dance where you have to be under 25 and weigh 100 pounds. This is the dance of real women and real shapes and real lives and real stories."

Along those lines, she believes she's teaching more than footwork and choreography. "I'm helping women to connect with the divinity that they already have," says Capossela. M

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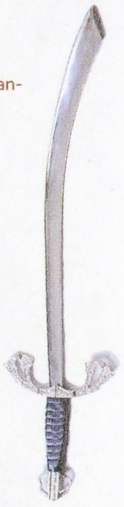


SWORD

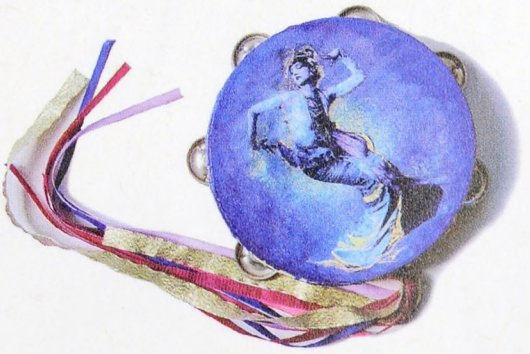
Swords are purely theatrical additions to American-style belly dancing. Dancers perch weighted steel swords atop their heads as an exercise in balance and isolation—the practice of moving one part of the body while keeping another part still. Capossela isn't a purist about belly dancing, but she believes understanding what's authentic, and what amounts to a Western flourish, is important. "I think the main thing you want to do is accurately name what you're teaching. If you're teaching fusion, just call it fusion."

FINGER CYMBALS

Capossela's more advanced dancers wear tiny cymbals—also known as zills—on their thumbs and middle fingers. "Mastering the cymbals while dancing is a tricky feat," says Capossela. "It's not unlike patting one's head and rubbing one's stomach at the same time."

TAMBOURINE

Tambourines are a Western addition to belly dancing. Recently, when Capossela taught a class at a senior citizen facility, one couple in their 80s happily took the stage—the husband dancing, the wife playing a tambourine from her wheelchair. "[Belly dancing] starts as a social dance, so when it's brought over to the Western world, it's easy to grasp," Capossela says.



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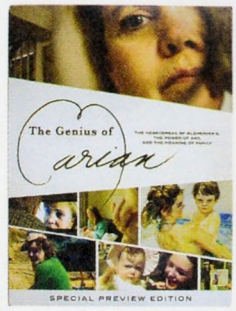
To watch the trailer for The Genius of Marion, visit geniusofmarion.com.

DVD REVIEW

Portraits of a Family



This film about the meaning of family shows the painful and beautiful ways people cope with illness and the slow loss of a loved one.

By Sara Thurber Marshall

The statistics are grim. More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. Almost two-thirds are women. And many people older than 60 know someone who's been diagnosed with this progressive disease that slowly damages the brain.

A new documentary, *The Genius of Marian*, puts a personal face on the statistics. After Pam White was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, her son, documentarian Banker White '95, began filming her as a means of staying connected to his mother and of keeping her engaged. The result is intimate and honest, taking you to the very heart of how Alzheimer's affects its victims and their families.

Pam is a second-generational Alzheimer's patient. Her mother, the renowned New England painter Marian Williams Steele, died of the disease in 2001. In 2008 Pam began writing a book to memorialize her mother, an amazing woman whom she felt should "be kept alive and not forgotten," an artist whose paintings of her family help sustain their memories. Within a year, though, Pam received her own diagnosis. Near the film's beginning she admits she has not been working lately on her project—in fact she forgot about it. As she flashes her beautiful smile and falls silent, we begin to understand the toll the disease is taking on her.

White's film, in essence, becomes a continuation of his mother's project, but makes Pam the main character, the amazing woman he wants people to know. Through old film footage and photos from Pam's childhood, through her children's early lives, to her grandchildren's lives, White interlaces happy days of playing on the beach and innocent childhood with his mother's gradual physical decline. Family members and friends describe the strong, caring woman whose zest for life, humor, and strength

ILLUSTRATION BY MONTSE BERNAL

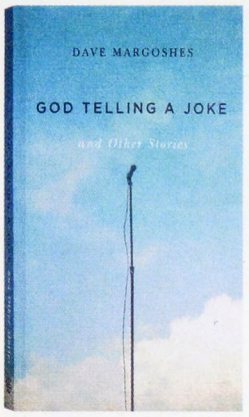
had always been a given in their lives. As friend Jane Brewer reflects, "She had the furthest to fall. She was the best at everything she did."

Poignant moments of confusion and frustration, such as when Pam tries to put on a coat and can't get her arm in the right sleeve, intimately portray her struggles with the disease. Eventually Ed, her husband, who has become her caregiver, helps her with the coat. White shows us in detail this other side of Alzheimer's, caregiving, which often takes an emotional toll on family. Even Ed, who is a loving, patient partner, reaches his breaking points. But, remembering the "phenomenal life" she has given him, he doesn't give up.

Chronicling the demise of someone you love can't be easy. Yet even while focusing affectionately on his mother, White also steps back and gives an honest and stark look at a difficult situation, infusing it with pathos and humor and family love—and that's the real genius of this work of art. M

EXCERPT

"Hello, I am Pam White. I am the mother of three children. I will tell you a little bit about me. I grew up in a hotel. My father owned the hotel and it was an unusual way to grow up but it was a lovely way to grow up. I was an actress. I did modeling. I live for my family and my children. And one glitch is that I have, um, developed Alzheimer's and initially I was quite distressed and upset about it but it doesn't really matter. It doesn't really change anything so I don't feel sad and I don't feel regret. I feel blessed that I have this wonderful family and a husband who is extraordinarily wonderful. I just feel like maybe the way my mother did before she was dying. It just was the way it was and remembering, keeping, cherishing all the times I had with friends and family and, um, so it's all good. No regrets."



Last Laugh

By Janice Obuchowski

An old Jewish man walks into a bar and sees a man with a backwards collar. "Sir," he asks, "why is your shirt on backwards?" The priest answers that he wears the collar because he's a father. The old man, thinking of his own kids, says he's a father as well, but wears his shirt properly. The priest says, "I'm the father of hundreds of people." The old man, taken aback, leans in and says, "Mister, maybe you should wear your pants backwards, too!"

Such is the humor of a 99-year-old stand-up comic in "God Telling a Joke," the eponymous story in the new collection by Dave Margoshes '63. The old man narrating intersects his religiously themed jokes with more mournful accounts of his family—all gone now, except for a great-granddaughter, a unicyclist juggler. The man complains to God, wishing to know why he's been left to live after so many others have passed on. This mix of the absurd and the elegiac is emblematic of the book.

Stories range in topic from a carnival geek who bites off the heads of chickens and snakes to the more introspective account of a writer who, upon encountering success, has no one with whom to share it. At first, this mix of the over-the-top and the retrospective might not seem intuitive, but the collection, taken together, argues that grace comes from recognizing their coexistence. It amounts to a worldview—one at once wry and silly and sad. Or, as a young girl in one story, trying to remember if it's God—or the devil—who's in the details, thinks "she had come to understand that both can be true simultaneously." M

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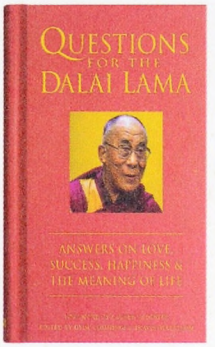
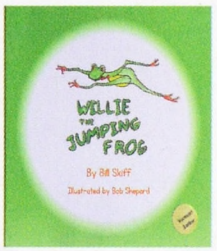
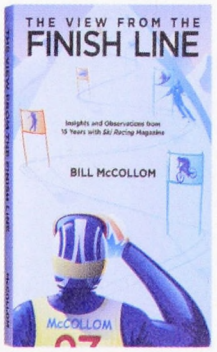


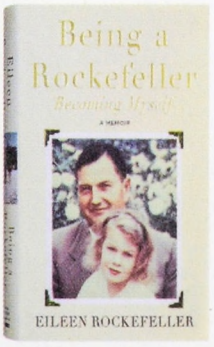
DEDE CUMMINGS
Questions for the Dalai Lama
The wisdom of His Holiness, and his compassion and forbearance for our less-than-perfect selves, emanates from this pocket-sized book lovingly coedited by Dede Cummings '79.



BILL SKIFF
Willie the Jumping Frog
Inspired by the 4th of July frog-jumping contest he created in his native Vermont, retired educator Bill Skiff '54 has produced a charming children's story with advice on how to care for your favorite amphibian.



BILL McCOLLOM
The View from the Finish Line
This collection of columns from *Ski Racing* magazine offers a "rollicking and irreverent ride" from the Snow Bowl to St. Moritz to Sun Valley with lifelong skier and humorist Bill McCollom '68.



EILEEN ROCKEFELLER
Being a Rockefeller: Becoming Myself
Finding your own path can be a challenge when your father is one of the world's richest men. Eileen Rockefeller Growald '74 shows how she discovered inner peace within a complex family and judgmental society.

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It is with regret that I report the death of **Richard Rose** of Rutland, Vt. Dick's purchase of an abandoned hill farm while a student at Middlebury was the start of Sable Mountain Corp. Our condolences are extended to Dick's family.

—Class Correspondent: Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 100 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.

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I extend my best wishes to all my classmates.

—Class Correspondent: A. Roger Clarke (arogerclarke@aol.com), 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607.

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REUNION CLASS The 75th reunion of the Class of 1940 will be held on June 5–7. We hope you can make it!

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Debbie Hutchinson Gove '74 sent word that her aunt, **Mildred "Becky" Becker Elefante**, passed away peacefully on October 12. "She had not been well since the middle of summer, so her decline was not too drawn out or painful. She had moved to Rehoboth Beach, Del., last February to be near her daughter. I visited in May and could see that she had slowed but she was certainly chipper and game to go out. Her daughter saw to all her needs, taking her for drives, walks, shopping, out to eat, or just back to her home for a nap, a visit, or quiet time. She was her mom's biggest advocate. While the move to a new place was trying, the attention and activity were welcome. Becky turned 94 in July. I have a fun Middlebury story—knowing that Becky was failing, I visited her the weekend before she died. She was noticeably weak, under hospice care, and resting with her eyes closed most of the time. At one point, my cousin said, 'Come on, Mom, let's sing for Debbie,' and, with my cousin starting, they both sang 'Gamaliel Painter's Cane' (all verses) with the chorus rap-rap-rap, tap-tap-tap (and other) lines. Becky opened her eyes and had a big smile on her face while singing. While my cousin didn't go to Middlebury, she had gone to some of the reunions; singing together was what they did on the drive, so she knew the song by heart (which is more than I can say I do!). It was a poignant and moving moment for me—forever etched as one of my last happy memories of this great and avid Middlebury alumna."

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Sadly, I must report we have lost another classmate. **Roger Arnold** of Devon, Pa., died on September 1. After graduation from Middlebury, Roger enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He wrote, "The war years are happy memories of good friends and travel in Africa, Italy, Sardinia, and Switzerland." His business career featured a variety of responsible positions with several insurance companies. In retirement, he and his wife enjoyed some travel, mostly with Elderhostel. I did receive an email from Marion and Roger a few months ago. He said they had been to several reunions, but no more. "It is too hard to see 'old faces' and wheelchairs." He said he used a walker to get around. They had made their home in Devon, Pa., for 50 years.

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Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: An update on **Eleanor Reier Brown** was reported by her husband, Fielding. She has Alzheimer's so she is in an assisted living facility nearby him. It's on the same property so he visits her for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. She is cheerful and is extremely well taken care of. Their daughter went to Middlebury (Class of 1975) and is now living in Toronto. • I had a good visit with one of **Beth Warner Carney**'s daughters, Susan. She indicated that her mom is enjoying life in her own home—a garage converted into a one-bedroom apartment on Susan's property. Although she is very frail, she gets around with a walker and loves to go for rides around Reno, Nev. Another daughter makes her meals every day. Although she has some dementia, she nods and smiles as she leafs through the *Middlebury Magazine* cover to cover. • I had a mini-reunion with **Carolyn Ohlander DePodwin**, my Midd roomie, last February. She had a chance to meet my daughter, Carolyn, her namesake, which was a special treat for both of them. Time went much too fast but she was just as enthusiastic as ever about her family, especially her great-grandson who lives nearby. She continues to enjoy the concerts right there in the facility where she's living. The highlight of the summer was a week spent with her daughter and family at the shore in Connecticut. • **Lois Groben Gilmore** enjoys living in Rivercourt in Groton, Mass. She has one problem—there's so much going on that she has trouble finding time to do her knitting. She has joined a group making hats for the underprivileged in Boston. There are several people living in Rivercourt who formerly lived in Harvard, Mass., where she lived. There are musicals every week—vocals and instrumentals. There is also a luncheon concert in a concert hall nearby. She takes lunch and dinner in the main dining hall but has breakfast in her apartment with her faithful cat, Sam. This building is an old mill that was converted into a two-story building so she is blessed with two large windows and was watching a beautiful cardinal as we talked. • News about our classmate **Dorothy "Teddy" Hood Bittmann** came from her daughter, Nancy. Teddy is still living in Heartland of Centerville in Dayton, Ohio, where she is well cared for. She enjoys the magazines with pictures of Middlebury. Her favorite thing is visits from her great-grandchildren—four of them, from six months to two years. Daughter Nancy continues to check in several times weekly. • Correspondent **John Gale** reports: **Dumont Rush** writes, "Peggy and I continue to enjoy good health and happiness in Middlebury. Having lived in many places, I aver, without fear of contradiction, that there is no better place to live. Fortunately, I have not seen my obituary but I suppose I might any day now. Other than the occasional harboring of a neighbor's or our daughter's dogs, we are out of the guide-dog puppy raising business, having raised 22 and harbored three broods." • **Stu Walker** continues to travel: "We traveled in Canada this fall—cruising in a 32-foot sailboat on the fabled waters of Lake Huron's North Channel and then spending a week at Mackinac Island in the Straits of Mackinac, where John Jacob Astor established his fur-trading business." • With regret we report the death of **Howie Friedman**, after an extended illness, on September 10 in Montpelier, Vt., where he and Daisy had moved several years ago and which they quickly came to enjoy. At Middlebury he majored in English philosophy. After graduation he served in the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Italy as a combat medic, where his bravery and skill earned high praise from his comrades, among them the late **Vance Richardson**. Studying in France after the war, he met his future wife, Daisy, who survives him. Continuing his studies in this country, he became a professor of philosophy at the Univ. of Connecticut. Until recent years he and Daisy derived great joy from spending their summer vacations in the Teton National Park region, walking, reading, and observing nature in that wonderful part of the country.

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If you have any news to share with classmates, please send it to us!

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REUNION CLASS **Elaine King Dandh** writes from Weslaco, Texas: "I had always supposed that living in South Texas, seven miles from the Mexican border, would be a bore. I was wrong. This is an area where almost everybody is bilingual, and 90 percent of the population is Hispanic. When children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras cross the Rio Grande to seek safety here, they are sometimes deported, sometimes sheltered by local families. When they are deported it is heartbreaking. For the second time in my life I wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper (my first concerned the infamous McCarthy hearings). Again my letter brought a hearty mixture of name-calling and approval. Opinions are sharply divided. Because South Texas can be unbearably hot, and because I wanted to know what was going on in Guadalajara, Mexico, where I had lived for 22 years, I took a trip there and found the city doubled in size, evidently prospering from the money that drug traffickers have brought to it. Reminded me of how some cities in medieval Italy had become enriched from the profits of crime. Even though I have many friends there in an expatriate colony at a nearby lake, I could never live there again." • **Pat deLearie Haufler** sends her new address: 100 Wake Robin Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482-7580. • I (**Mew**) cherish a 1999 autographed copy of *Before Life Hurries On,* with images by Sabra Field '57 and poems by Jenepher Lingelbach. The image for "Autumn Dawn" says "Maple leaves scud, swirl up, then descend—confetti that makes a Persian carpet on the ground." The accompanying poem is "Wooded dawn-blue hills/Cushioned by soft fog/Stage the brilliant pirouette of orange leaves/Against the rising sun./There is time/To savor moments in the dawn/Before life hurries on." Also true for us in the winter of our lives. It was the late **Paula Knight Jeffries** who first made me aware of Sabra and her images at our 45th reunion at Bread Loaf. What joy Sabra continues to bring to us through her art! • I am sorry to report the deaths of three classmates: **Jean Dunn Nagle** died on September 27, **Lael Kinnison Putnam** died on September 29, and **David Palmstrom** died on October 11. • Let's keep in touch. "Mew"

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This past summer I had a very nice note from **Joy Redfield Kleuss**. She says it's wonderful living in Florida. She can deal with the hot weather, as all her buildings are air-conditioned. She has a lovely apartment and has made many friends there. She lives very close to daughter Courtney, son-in-law Hermann, and granddaughter Madison, who is attending a private school and enjoying her classes and friends. Joy does not do very well in the cold so she does not travel north. She is content and is enjoying life with other residents and staff, who are always willing to help her. She has arthritis in her right leg and uses a walker, but according to her physician she is in good health. • **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** had a wonderful summer spending time with all her family (three sons, their wives, her five grandchildren and spouses or girlfriends, and her two great-grandchildren) celebrating her and Frank's 65th wedding anniversary in Sturbridge, Mass. They came from five states, including Florida and North Carolina, and all of them had a good time. She and Frank are both alive, which is the most they can expect at their ages, she says. She sends her love to all. • **Joan Campbell Shaw** writes, "Doug and I continue to live in the same old place and don't get around much anymore! Fortunately, we love it here in Manchester, Vt., right in town, but surrounded by mountains, and not far from our son and daughters and grandchildren, who visit often. We're very excited about our youngest, Betsy, who was inducted into the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in October. The ceremony took place in Stowe at the new Spruce Peak Lodge." Joan was looking forward to seeing all the new development in Stowe since she was a ski bum there in the winter of '48. "Some classmates will remember **Nancy "Stewie" Clarke** from our freshman year. She and her husband owned a ski lodge and I was their assistant." • **Barbara Busing Harris** writes, "On August 14 I had a great visit and lunch with **Avery Post** at his lovely Kendal Retirement Center in Hanover, N.H. Avery has challenged me to be at Midd for our 70th reunion. I did get to Alumni College at Bread Loaf again for four beautiful late August days. I was the oldest one there, but saw lots of my children's classmates!" • **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** writes that husband Everett has graduated from a first to second hospice in-home contract. She feels he is safe in assisted living at Huntington Common. She is on a separate independent living contract so this fall she was planning a few weekend mini-vacations with friends. Her last vacation was a week at a writer's retreat in North Carolina in 2001, the year of his stroke. Meanwhile, she enjoys Facebook visits with friends from all over and wishes more Middlebury classmates would turn up there. • I had a very nice note from **Mary Nasmith Means** about the newsy columns I have written over the years. May I remind you I can't do it without you.

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Virginia "Jinny" Stowell James was the caregiver for her husband, Bill, for a long time. He died at the age of 104 on August 19 and was possibly Connecticut's oldest military veteran with many accomplishments to his name. Our sympathy to Jinny. Her one exciting bit of news is that she has purchased a house in Myrna, Fla., which is within walking distance of her daughter's home. Myrna is a small artistic community with a colonial appearance. Jinny was trying to decide whether to take her current furniture down or to leave it and furnish the new house with more modern furniture. • **Frances Swain Moretti** wrote that the biggest event in her busy summer was the birth of her third great-grandchild in Vermont in June. As the other two are 12 and 9 she is glad to have a child she can hold again. Fran is doing well. She still drives and is in her own home. She is in relatively good health and can still do the *New York Times* crossword puzzle so she has no complaints. She does, however, have an old, diabetic dog, which needs insulin shots twice a day. Fran remarked, "I never thought my 'golden years' would involve being a caregiver to a geriatric canine!" • **Nancy Surtees McKenna** is still living with her son and his family in northern Virginia. She is in reasonably good health and trying to meet the challenges of aging. One of her grandchildren is still in college—the others are starting or continuing satisfying careers. Nancy especially enjoys the activities at their senior center, which meets in a repurposed grade school. It offers a variety of activities, including a library where she can provide some help. The membership is diverse, mainly coming from other parts of the U.S. or from other countries. She enjoyed a trip to the Outer Banks in July and planned to spend some time in Pennsylvania in the fall. She has fond memories of Midd, mentioning in particular "Sunset and Evening Bell," challenging teachers like "dear Rose Martin," and the "Culture Conferences," all of which gave her the principles that guide her today. • **Natalie Simpson MacDonald** wrote that she is still riding her wonderful horse and still going to Florida for a few months in the winter. However, she hasn't been able to play golf for a year due to a shoulder injury. She only made it to Cape Cod a couple of times this past summer, as her shoulder injury prevented her from driving. Natalie did acquire a second standard poodle last year and has a lot of fun with the two dogs. They are named Pippa and Penny. She takes her horse to Florida with her and is lucky to have her nearby at one of the dressage team's barns. Natalie remarked, "Florida has become quite horsey, as we have Wellington nearby and horses come from all over the world to compete during the winter." Even Donald Trump had become involved and had a special horse day at Mar-a-Lago last year. • Living in South Carolina, **Carl Parkinson** and wife Helen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last June. They took a bus trip to Charleston, walked around the marketplace, and had lunch before going home. While there they purchased a painting showing a scene with a pathway through the woods and both exclaimed in unison, "Oh, I like that." They attended a great stage show in August in Savannah's oldest theater. A friend

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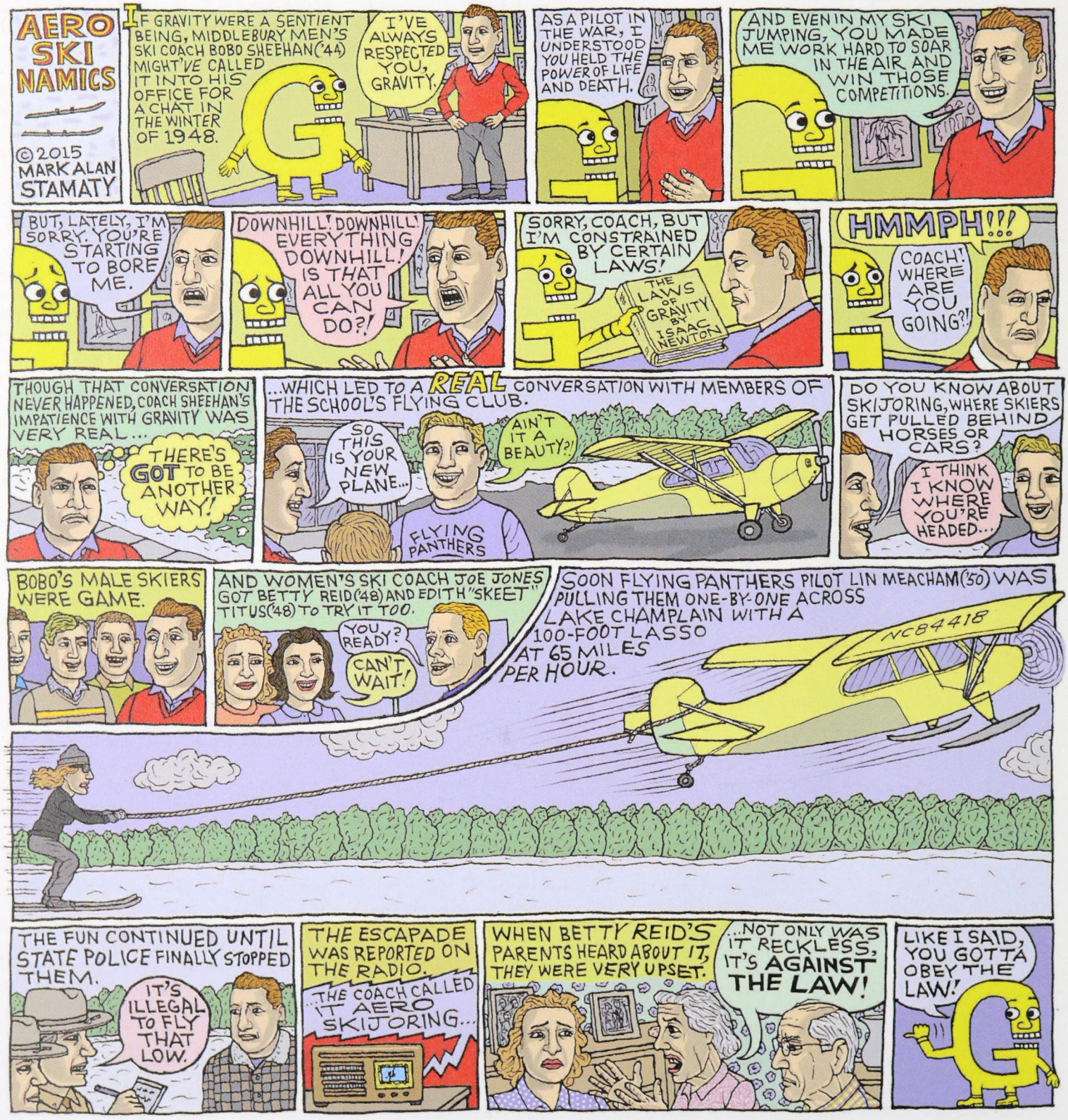
Always looking for new ways to get a winter thrill, Bobo Sheehan '44 hooked up with the Flying Panthers for an original twist on skijoring.


AERO SKI NAMICS
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IF GRAVITY WERE A SENTIENT BEING, MIDDLEBURY MEN'S SKI COACH BOBO SHEEHAN ('44) MIGHT'VE CALLED IT INTO HIS OFFICE FOR A CHAT IN THE WINTER OF 1948.
I'VE ALWAYS RESPECTED YOU, GRAVITY.
AS A PILOT IN THE WAR, I UNDERSTOOD YOU HELD THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH.
AND EVEN IN MY SKI JUMPING, YOU MADE ME WORK HARD TO SOAR IN THE AIR AND WIN THOSE COMPETITIONS.
BUT, LATELY, I'M SORRY. YOU'RE STARTING TO BORE ME.
DOWNHILL! DOWNHILL! EVERYTHING DOWNHILL! IS THAT ALL YOU CAN DO?!
SORRY, COACH, BUT I'M CONSTRAINED BY CERTAIN LAWS!
THE LAWS OF GRAVITY BY ISAAC NEWTON
HMMPH!!!
COACH! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THOUGH THAT CONVERSATION NEVER HAPPENED, COACH SHEEHAN'S IMPATIENCE WITH GRAVITY WAS VERY REAL...
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
...WHICH LED TO A REAL CONVERSATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL'S FLYING CLUB.
SO THIS IS YOUR NEW PLANE...
AIN'T IT A BEAUTY?!
FLYING PANTHERS
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SKIJORING, WHERE SKIERS GET PULLED BEHIND HORSES OR CARS?
I THINK I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE HEADED...
BOBO'S MALE SKIERS WERE GAME.
AND WOMEN'S SKI COACH JOE JONES GOT BETTY REID ('48) AND EDITH "SKEET" TITUS ('48) TO TRY IT TOO.
YOU READY?
CAN'T WAIT!
SOON FLYING PANTHERS PILOT LIN MEACHAM ('50) WAS PULLING THEM ONE-BY-ONE ACROSS LAKE CHAMPLAIN WITH A 100-FOOT LASSO AT 65 MILES PER HOUR.
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THE FUN CONTINUED UNTIL STATE POLICE FINALLY STOPPED THEM.
IT'S ILLEGAL TO FLY THAT LOW.
THE ESCAPADE WAS REPORTED ON THE RADIO.
...THE COACH CALLED IT AERO SKIJORING...
WHEN BETTY REID'S PARENTS HEARD ABOUT IT, THEY WERE VERY UPSET.
...NOT ONLY WAS IT RECKLESS, IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!
LIKE I SAID, YOU GOTTA OBEY THE LAW!

COMIC BY MARK ALAN STAMATY

from Metter, with whom they have kept in touch for many years, picked them up and brought them back after the outing. They were planning to go on a bus trip in early December to see the Christmas lights and have dinner in a nice restaurant. Then in the middle of the month they planned to go to Florida for a week. Carl finds driving distances ever harder. Twelve years ago he drove 7,000 miles on their trip to Alaska in their motor home but says their traveling days are coming to an end. Instead he joined hospice and spends a lot of time visiting veterans. • **Sally McCullough Sterritt** found Colorado very hot this past summer and was grateful that they have air conditioning. They enjoyed the company of 10 relatives for a week, their guests staying in a B & B called Costa Marne. Sally has placemats with a map of Cape Cod and the Vineyard on them, which remind them of their sailing days. Her husband, Graham, would love to have a sailboat again, as they have such happy memories of those days. • As **Prescott Carr** is no longer able to write, his wife, Joan (Spross) '48, answered my plea for news. She said he is doing well despite a heart condition. They lived in Canada for over 60 years. After moving to British Columbia they learned about Arizona. They then spent six months in Arizona each year. After doing so for 15 years, they made the decision to move there permanently. Joan wrote that the temperature in the summer ranges from 105 to 110 degrees but it works because they have air-conditioning in the house and the car, and the stores and restaurants are air-conditioned as well. They often see Roy '45 and Bev Boynton Kinsey '48, who live in Phoenix. Pres and Joan always liked the change in seasons but find the less challenging weather better for them. • I regret to inform all that **Charlotte Davis Wilson** passed away in April of this year. I do not have any particulars about her death.

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Roy '45 and **Bev Boynton Kinsey** will be moving farther west in 2015, taking up the California lifestyle in Forest Knolls, near son Steve. Steve is the county supervisor of Marin County, so they will be in good hands! Bev is in the process, which many of us know all too well, of downsizing and planning for the big move. One of Bev's plans is to start a library bookstore in Forest Knolls similar to the one she works at now as a regular volunteer. Donations for the new endeavor accepted! Bev's biggest and best news was a November family reunion—to whistle, stamp, and cheer for Roy, as the local land trust dedicates a forest/mountain trail to Roy in honor of his many years of work for them. A trail that he and a colleague developed between Fountain Hills and Scottsdale will be named for the two men. • **Nat Benson Fraioli** and her dog (!) have decided to stay in their house in Lincoln, Vt., where they belong. She says, "The dog would not be able to sprinkle lawn and shrubs, and I couldn't wander around in my nightgown in a retirement community with no gardens. I play paddle tennis and ski on sunny days with temps in the 20s and slopes groomed like velvet corduroy." (Where are these perfect slopes?) Nat says Don '49 and **Pat Salmon Henderson** enjoy the same winter recreation. She recommends these books for engaging reading: *The Unwinding* by George Packer; *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively; *The Fifties* by David Halberstam; *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo; and *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson. Pat Henderson adds these suggestions: *A Spy Among Friends* by Ben Macintyre, *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan; and *From the Ruins of Empire* by Pankaj Mishra. • **Edith "Skeet" Titus Harman** writes, "Mort '47 and I continue to drive across the country from home in Issaquah, Wash., to Cape Cod, Mass., each summer. Thus we share life with friends and family on both coasts. Here, near Seattle, it is delightful to be near daughters and grandchildren, while enjoying the wonderful sights and sounds this city offers, albeit at a slower pace." • Pres '47 and **Joan Spross Carr** have moved permanently to Arizona, after 60 years in Canada and 15 years of snowbirding in Arizona. Their address is 12602 West Mesa Verde Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375-4264. Joan is enjoying her book club, especially two recent good books they've read—*The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin and *The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge* by David McCullough. Joan says, "The grandchildren are great—ages from 5–29! My greatest pleasure right now is an iPad! You have the world under your fingers!" • **Charlie** and **Mim Wade Butts** write that after 61 years in their home in Lexington, Mass., they made a big jump in August to Maine, a favorite vacation and travel state for them. They are now in residence in Blueberry Commons (how's that for an appropriate Maine address?) at Ocean View at Falmouth, a retirement community. It's just five miles north of Portland, and, more importantly, only 20 minutes from Bustin's Island, the Casco Bay summer retreat where they've been going for years. They are comfortably settled in—although not fully unpacked—and would love to have visiting classmates anytime. New address: 5 Marion Way #5104, Falmouth, ME 04105.

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Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: What a delight when I was able to reach **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs**. I was able to offer her sympathy for the loss of her husband Tom '51 in late spring. She said he had suffered from Alzheimer's for several years and she felt relief that he was at peace. She has resumed her active life and she feels like she is still 40 at times. In spite of some heart problems, she is exercising and swimming and was also planning to get back to skiing this winter. She claims she was never a great skier but hopes to be better at the "turns" this year. She has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. (This may be a record for our class in great-grandchildren. I'd love to hear from the rest of you on the count in your family.) A year ago July they had a family reunion and it was really quite a crowd, but much fun for all. As some of you may remember, they had a ski shop in Glens Falls, N.Y., and she is happy that their youngest son has taken over the business. It was great to be in touch with her after all these years. • **Barbara "Buzz" Myers White** was at home when I called so we also had a nice chat. As she has been experiencing somewhat limited vision she no longer drives but has many friends who keep her active, as well as her son and daughter, who live an hour or so away from her home. She says she has adapted very well and certainly hasn't slowed down. She still snowshoes out on the lake in front of her home in New Hampshire and is as busy as ever. We had fun talking about modern dance. (Can we still say modern dance referring to Martha Graham of the '50s?) Buzz was very active in dance while at college. • I had a lovely conversation with **Elaine Arrington Miller**, who lives in Marblehead, Mass. She lost her husband, Bob, a year ago April but has stayed in their home in spite of having suffered nine spinal fractures and four surgeries in the past year. In fact she tells me that last summer and fall she was able to exercise and walk two miles a day until the fractures began. She does go to physical therapy and has great spirit. In fact she was hopeful to come to reunion this past June but then had to put it off. She has wonderful memories of our college years and reunions in the past. Fortunately she has a daughter nearby in Marblehead and two other children less than an hour away. She says she is way behind in the grandchildren count as she has only seven, but she enjoys their company and sees her own children often. These Middlebury women are sure resilient, and she is the epitome of this quality and good cheer. • Elaine was able to share **Jean Caldwell Ferrell**'s telephone number so I had a nice visit with her. She and her husband have moved in with their son and family and are both doing well. Jean tells me that she has Parkinson's but is able to continue to do a lot of things as always. We discussed using the iPad and the Kindle, so she keeps up to date on the modern gadgets. She told me how much she enjoyed being a class agent in recent years and would love to hear from the current one to keep up on how our class continues to support Midd and any news of changes or events on campus. • I received word that **Mickey Clarke Sharp** passed away on September 13. We had a longtime connection even before we both went to Middlebury. Our dads were both ministers in the Methodist Church in the Troy Conference, so she and her brother Phil Clarke '51 were at Methodist camps with me during the summers growing up. It was

great to reconnect while we were students together at college. My deepest sympathy to her family at this time. • This email came to me from **Dorcas "Doc" Neal Gracey**. She reported on a very treasured event in her life. "In my 'elder statesman years' I received a Public Service Award and medal from then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mullen." She goes on to say that probably means nothing to anyone not familiar with the military culture, but it sounds like a big deal to me. Congratulations. She feels grateful for the blessings of health and mobility for both her and her husband. She saw **Gene Edgar Irons** in Bennington, Vt., when they were visiting their grandson, who is working at Williams College. She tells me that Gene is very involved with her church and the historical society and is still playing tennis. "Lord love her." I agree. • All for now. I hope this finds you all well and not snowbound. Keep in touch! • Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: This month I was unsuccessful getting any male classmates to reply to my request for material for the class notes, but I did get a call from **Gene Irons**, whom I missed seeing at our 65th reunion. She offered to provide some information about herself and her offspring so now I do have one classmate to tell our readers about. Gene is happily living in the woods near Bennington in the house built 10 years ago by her late husband, John '50. Their son, who now lives near her, is a carpenter. Two of her three children live far away in Alaska but they keep in touch often by email and telephone. Daughter Kerry '79 went to Middlebury for a short time before transferring to the Univ. of New Hampshire. She worked first as a marine biologist but is now teaching school on Kodiak Island, where she and her husband, a retired professor at the Univ. of Alaska, live. Their 23-year-old son visits Gene about once a year and, while at her home, chops and stacks wood for her wood-burning stove that, if I understood her correctly, heats her home. Gene's other son, Jock '77, became a biologist, having earned a PhD. He worked for the Forest Service prior to his present position as a high school teacher. Jock and his wife live in Fairbanks. Gene told me she and John had attended many class reunions in past years. Among her present friends are **Dorcas Gracey** and husband Jim. Dorcas is the person who urged her to attend our 65th reunion and Gene is very glad she did visit the College. • I am sorry to report that one of our classmates, **John D'Aquila**, died in August. My sincere condolences go to his family.

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REUNION CLASS **Irv** and **Kathy Pell Meeker** are in a retirement place in Scarborough, Maine, near Portland. It's on the water and they love it. The family gathers there at Christmas, but Irv and Kathy spend most of the harsh winter in South Carolina until May. They like golf. They have a son near Boston and two daughters—one in Seattle and the other in Delaware. • **Claire Dufault Wilson** lives in Wellesley, Mass., in a townhouse condo and recommends that. She has been there 10 years. She enjoyed the 50th reunion but doesn't plan on going to the 65th. She has no great-grands so far. • **Natalie Richards** does plan to attend. She loved traveling 10–15 years ago. She went to Portugal and Greece, and to Russia on a Midd-sponsored trip, from Moscow to St. Petersburg on board a ship. She lives in a cottage in Mattapoisett, Mass. • I'm sorry to report two deaths: **Joan Kent Warnke** died on February 19. Joan had a challenging life. She married a career Army officer and they moved a lot. Her two sons were born in Germany and Jordan. While they were in Jordan, her husband was paralyzed in a car wreck but continued to work as a teacher of history in Durham, N.H. One son went to West Point and the other to Annapolis. She later moved to Arizona and finally Williamsburg, Va. • **Richard Shea** died on May 20. He served in the Army in Germany during the Korean War. After marriage in 1953 to Sally Robstock, he was employed by the Turnbull, Conn., school system for 45 years. He taught physical education and history and for 20 years ran a summer camp in Newtown. After retirement, he served as the principal of two Catholic schools. He fathered seven children—five boys and two girls.

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Happy New Year! Is it possible that it is 2015 and in one more year we will have our 65th reunion? Are we really that old? • **Norma Horsford Whittinghill**'s husband, Dexter '50, wrote that he and Norma are "holding their own" at the Carleton-Willard Village in Bedford, Mass. He sent a postcard of the Lake Mansfield Trout Club in Stowe, Vt., where they hiked, swam, fished, boated, and partied for many years. • **Meg Curry Gregg** wrote that husband Don's book *Pot Shards: Fragments of a Life in CIA, the White House, and the Two Koreas* is out and is available on Amazon. They went to Washington, D.C., for the official launch of the book. He is getting wonderful messages from readers all over the world. Congratulations, Don and Meg. Meg also wrote that they had a big family reunion. Forty-two came from California, Amsterdam, and points in between. • From across the Atlantic in England, **Betty Nelson** wrote that she is not only still working full time in market research but has also recently been reelected to the professional body that controls the standards, the Market Research Society. • Also from England, **Gretchen Reger Mason** wrote about her birthday celebration with her daughter, Gwyneth, and how fortunate she is to have her living down the street. Her son lives in north London. She belongs to a group that has restored an idiosyncratic 19th-century garden, and they do homemade teas on Sundays for six months of the year, which are very pleasant. • **Barbara Pike Prinn** wrote that her residence, Havenwood-Heritage Heights, has a community birthday party once a year and it happened to occur on her birthday. She bought herself a birthday "toy," which is a scooter that she can sit on and roll around, run by batteries. This will help to ease the pains in her back and shoulders, which are caused by leaning on her walker. Good luck with your new toy, Barb. Remember—no speeding. • Several classmates wrote about **Tom Jacobs**, who passed away on April 10. **Roland Coates** expressed his sadness at Tom's death. They had lived close to each other in Watertown, Mass., when they were much younger. He was also saddened by the death of **Ken Provoncha**. **Bill Deming** wrote about what a great asset Tom always was at our reunion weekends. **Joan Macklaier Birkett** will always remember that Tom was usually present when they were skiing and learning the art of racing with Joe and Ann Jones. Joan also added her own news. "As family we all continue to share and grow together." Joan has one grandson who is 28. Her daughter Elisa and husband Ted live in Thailand. They recently toured the festival circuit in Scotland, England, and Germany as musicians and performers. Her son, Tim, and wife Lyn live nearby. Jennifer (her oldest daughter) and Joan were planning to fly to Montreal to visit Joan's brother Ian, who has cerebral palsy. Joan also volunteers a few hours each week at the Red Cross Equipment loan for postsurgery patients. • **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming** attended Alumni College in August and hoped that more classmates would schedule their lives for the three days early next fall. "Bread Loaf is beautiful and the courses are interesting with excellent teachers. Phyllis took Seeking Simplicity, with required previous reading of *Less Is More* by Andrews and Urbanska. The teacher, Rebecca Kneale Gould, senior lecturer in environmental studies, delivered the parting takeaway: "When one door closes, another opens, but it's hell in the hallways." Bill took Contemporary Moral Issues, taught by Steve Viner, associate professor of philosophy. Bill says, "We had a lot of reading, and we had good discussions around several of the ideas. The gloves came off when the discussion moved into capital punishment, but thankfully peace was restored when the subject became death with dignity, with the reminder to be sure your living will includes provisions for the possibility of memory loss." Thank you, Phyllis and Bill, for whetting our appetites! • **Kenneth Carle** has settled into his retirement place in Canandaigua, N.Y.—nearer to children and grandchildren and also to Hobart & William Smith, where he taught. He misses the Florida weather, but I (**Lee**) say, Ken, you must love seeing the beautiful white stuff again. We all love snow, don't we? After all, we went to Middlebury! • Our best

wishes to you all for health and happiness in 2015 and don't forget to communicate. Lee and Beth

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Correspondent **Chuck Ratté** reports: I had an informative conversation with **Steve Baker**, who keeps me appraised of friends, acquaintances, and happenings on Virgin Gorda, BVI. I introduced Steve to the island many years ago, and he questioned whether it was a good vacation spot for him since there is no golf course. He and his family have been going there ever since—the beautiful beaches more than make up for the lack of a golf course. Steve stays in touch with his former Middlebury roommate, **Bill Huey**, and with **Bill Kirby**, his roommate at Choate. • Believe it or not, I received some voluntary (and pleasant) news from **Bob Martin** in Connecticut. He says he's been "meaning to chime in" for some time. So here are his chimes. He and his wife are both healthy, even though they're experiencing some expected aging problems, such as memory and balance. His children are well, living in Vermont and at the shore. He and his wife have moved to a retirement community (Essex Meadows), where many of their friends reside. They hope to continue to travel, though less extensively than some of their former trips to Russia, Turkey, and Southeast Asia. They both enjoy reading and, of course, their 11 grandkids. Bob keeps busy volunteering at the boathouse as a repairman of small boats. • Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: Playing catch-up again I telephoned **Jackie Johnson Betterley** in Richardson, Texas. Her first reaction was to tell me of the loss of husband Bill some four years ago. As with most of us who have become widows, Jackie finds memories of their long marriage everywhere she goes and the loss of Bill is compounded by the fact that her son is also deceased. But daughter Susie is still close at hand and visits frequently. Jackie is still active and still playing golf and has decided to return to her lifelong interest: bridge. She is a Grand Master of the game, has played all over the Southwest in tournaments, and is returning to her club in the near future. • **Judy Webster Barton** was immediately recognizable on the phone—enthusiastic, funny, a real going concern. Though she is still occasionally active in real estate, she has moved out of San Francisco to Half Moon Bay, 30 miles south of the city. In May she purchased a little three-story townhouse there. "Three stories is better—you have to go up and down stairs and so you get your exercise even if you don't want to." She is happy where she is, close to the ocean and close to a beloved 10-year-old granddaughter, Shay. We shared our mutual love of granddaughters and Newfoundland dogs—I had four in my life and she had two, plus her Rottweiler. Big dogs have big hearts and we both loved them, but Judy is down to one black cat and I have two cats plus a Lhasa apso, whom I regard as more cat sized than dog. It was fun to chat with Judy—almost like old times. • **Jeanne DuVall** graciously returned my call to report on her very full life. She was a teacher for 40 years with the overseas military education system, as well as serving at Camp Lejeune for 14 years. Her posts were rewarding: Germany, France, Japan, the Philippines, and Bermuda! She returned to her Massachusetts roots when she retired and became a student again at Kripalu, studying yoga, Buddhism, and Reiki—spiritual pursuits that have filled her life and given her a tribe of friends, whom she met there. Life is good for Jeanne and I tried to persuade her to make it to our 65th. • Correspondent **Jean Vaughan Varney** reports: Hello again, classmates. I'm reporting in and hoping I'm getting the hang of it. I did some calculations the other day and, though I may be off by one or two, it appears that we're a diminishing breed of about 121 accounted-for grads and 22 former classmates who didn't graduate with us. So I think it behooves us not to lose touch with each other. • And in that vein, I managed to catch **Liz Loemker Furber**, who lives in Maine, as she was busily hulling strawberries bound for a shortcake (yum) for her and hubbie Ed '51. She and Ed spent a good part of the summer entertaining visiting grandchildren. Liz has turned over many of her volunteering duties to a younger generation but is keeping desk jobs that require not much more than answering phones. She and Ed have two sons, both Middlebury graduates, and a grandchild who plans to enter next fall and who will make it a fourth generation affair. Congratulations! Liz loves Maine and plans never to leave but before we could continue, the strawberries begged attention and we had to stop there for now. • I also had a lovely conversation with **Nancy Watters Bagg**, who enjoys living in a suburb north of Chicago, where she's been many years. She's retired after 26 years working first in the dental field and then in the area of nutrition. Her husband died at age 44 and, with three children to care for, she experienced some very difficult years. All are grown now, and one daughter lives in the Chicago area with *her* daughter, who plans to attend Brown next fall. Another daughter and Nancy's son both live in Seattle, where her son works for Microsoft. Nancy lives in a two-bedroom condo, which she loves and where she hopes to stay and age in place. She has not attended a reunion in many years but I hope she'll make the next one. • Another call to Maine resulted in a good chat with **Alice Hildreth Rand**, who has given up skiing and become an avid walker instead. She taught English for several years then ventured into real estate for about 12 years. Among Alice's many volunteer duties were founding Maine's first retirement home in the '90s, actively birding with Maine Audubon, and serving on Land for Maine's Future, the state's first conservation board. She and her physician husband have two children, both Middlebury grads, and three adorable red-headed grandchildren. • I hope you'll give me a call, write me a note, or send me a message one way or another.

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A note from Chuck Ratté, a fellow correspondent, brought news of **Peter Cascio**. In June Pete, wife Barbara, daughter Anna Kate, granddaughter Zelia, and family dog Teddy Bear visited Chuck, wife Judy, and daughter Michelle in Saxtons River, Vt., "a most welcome visit," says Chuck. They enjoyed excellent wine, a great dinner, and a tour of the farm. We should claim Chuck as a classmate since he appears in our *Kaleidoscope,* but he chose to stick with his entering class after his return from a yearlong Marine Corps call-up. (Remember Korea?) At last word **Peter Cascio** was still working with, or for, the military after a long career with the Air National Guard. He was on his way to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, when he heard the news. He canceled his trip, at least for that day. • **Pat Cavanaugh Boss**, another retiree who can't stop working, checked in from Brentwood, Calif. She lost husband Tom '52, a friend to many in our class, 15 years ago. After a few months, her "restlessness kicked in" and she returned to educating, which she had been doing most of her life, except for brief respites to bear five children, now scattered all over the country. She is now the bilingual coordinator for the local high school district. Working with teachers and high school students has been her passion, she says, for 62 years. When she has time to get restless again, she visits her children (and six grandchildren) or embarks on longer trips to Europe, China, Russia, etc. Whew! She sends her best to the Class of '53. • **Nancy Hamilton Shepherd** enjoyed her usual summer visit to their place in Lincoln, Vt., and saw **Anne Coleman Zehner**, **Ann McGinley Ross**, and Don '51 and **Biffy Darling Sherburne**. Although retired from her ministry, Nancy still ministers. She and husband Tom are active in a program to involve college students, through education and internships, in programs to move people out of poverty. The program started at Tom's Washington and Lee and is now a consortium of 22 colleges. Middlebury was an early member. The board chair is James Calvin Davis, a professor of religion at Middlebury. Nancy invites anyone interested to think of contributing to the Privilege and Poverty program at Midd, which is part of Community Engagement. Finally Nancy reports that the Shepherds are mostly in good health, although Tom may be facing knee surgery. Let us hope he escapes, although trouble in the joints is endemic in our cohort. Sorry about that, Tom. • More seriously, I received word of the death

of friend and classmate **Gardner Wood** in Simsbury, Conn. "Woodie" had a good life with a good job, a close family, and later on, summers at his camp in Maine and winters in Vero Beach, Fla. Our condolences to the family. • On a happier note, readers of the spring 2014 issue of this column will be happy to learn that Misty May's immigration problems have been resolved. No, Misty May is not an exotic dancer, but Judy and **Roger May**'s darling puppy, who was being denied admission to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. The Mays landlord relented, or was worn down. We hope the Mays had a lovely time on the Vineyard in September and that Misty behaved!

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Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: At our recent 60th reunion a brave group of about 40 of us attended in various states of health. It was a poignant weekend. I realized how impossible it is to connect meaningfully with anyone at a large college gathering; reunions only inspire us, finally, to realize that a group forming our cohort for over 60 years is one we share fading life with, teetering on the edge of our "last stretch." Longevity is a kind of race. Not everyone wins and some of our brightest and best left us so prematurely. • **Tom Ryan** (Houston) and I (California and Vermont) are taking over from stalwart **Whit (Nancy Whittemore Nickerson**, Mystic, Conn.) and will try to do our best to keep you informed. I have heard from eight classmates in response to a letter I'm hoping to send to every classmate (have done fairly well on the As through Es, especially those with emails) and will excerpt passages. The letter stimulated responses from non-Midd spouses as well as some who left Midd as transfer students. • **Barb Taylor Blomquist** (St. Louis) transferred to the Univ. of Wisconsin after sophomore year but still feels her Middlebury years were memorable. She writes, "To be a survivor is to appreciate not only the life we enjoy today but also to put into perspective the advantages we had as young people to go to excellent schools and be exposed to opportunities denied to many." Barb, about to publish her second book on adoption, observes "adoptive parenting is very different from biological parenting." (She has accomplished both.) • And Judy Beers, not a Midd student, wrote a very warm note for busy husband **Tom Beers** (Old Lyme, Conn.). The two created and have turned over a thriving needlework business (sudberry.com) to their son Dave, but they do all the product photography and stay well connected. • **Gerry Briggs** (Paris, France), one of the few of us who settled abroad, writes, "I am still relatively active as I continue to do some consulting work for companies wanting to come to Europe. I lost my lovely wife, Viviane, to cancer in 2005. I went to New Zealand for a month at the beginning of the year. What a wonderful country it is." He was hoping to visit his daughter who lives near Philadelphia for Thanksgiving. His son lives on an island in Thailand. • **Carolyn Whitmore Baldwin** (Gilmanton, N.H.) may feel creaky but her letter tells quite a story, reporting on wonderful, ongoing relationships with roommates during the junior year she spent in England at the Univ. in Exeter. At least three have visited her, and they correspond at Christmas. Carolyn and husband Peter '55 farm, among other activities. They let their horses go about two years ago as Peter could no longer ride, the horses were getting old, and, she says, "I too am a bit creaky." Attorney Carolyn has kept up her bar membership and continues to be "of counsel" to what has become a flourishing law firm of young lawyers interested in environmental and land-use issues throughout New Hampshire. "I am completing a term on the New Hampshire Historic Resources Council, an advisory group." Last, she reports Peter broke his leg badly last fall, so is pretty limited. This meant that over the summer her garden produced prodigious weeds while she kept up with mowing, chickens, pigs, etc. Bravo, Carolyn. Carolyn's last comment helps explain how she does it all: "Our children are all nearby and we feel very fortunate indeed. It allows us to remain in our home here, despite encroaching decrepitude." • **Dick Esten** writes from Shawnee Village near Kansas City (he clarified he doesn't actually live in an Indian School, but in Mission Hills with same zip), "I retired from Digital Equipment Corp.'s Euro logistics and manufacturing 21 years ago and returned home from Europe. DEC was sold twice and ended up with HP. We still have a very strong DEC alumni—it was a great company!" Dick's wife, Ellen, still works at Hallmark cards and Dick volunteers at CASA after serving 10 years with SCORE. (CASA advocates for abused and neglected kids.) Wonderful, Dick! • And **Richard Eliot** (Rockport, Mass.) is another who didn't write a letter for our 50th so I had to elicit a response. "My visit to our 60th reunion was short, but I did get there in time to hear **Marcia Kraft Goin**'s nice chapel talk, enjoy dinnertime with **Monica Dorr Burdeshaw** and others, and see the splendid fireworks display viewed with my daughter (Anne) and granddaughter (Amelia) from our dormitory window." One of his aims was to show granddaughter Amelia the campus—it was a take. As for Rick's recent life, "There was the inevitable retirement, then a study of native Greenland kayak designs, followed by teaching courses in DIY skin-on-frame kayaks. They are light, easy to handle, and ideal for our so-called Golden Years. Now into the last stretch, Marcia and I decided to move from Lyndonville, Vt., to Rockport so we can be closer to our wonderful daughter in Framingham." Rick sends us an open invitation to visit—he has bedrooms and is a five-minute walk to the beach. • **Kathryn Allin Dyson** (Richland, Wash.) was having major health problems 10 years ago, which she shared in her email, but writes, "Your mention of the staph infection potentially leading to my demise set me back—but I am still alive! I had been afraid of amputation and that was scary enough. The foot healed finally but still is troublesome because the toe joint never fused and is painful from time to time." UCC church activities in Idaho and Oregon have been central to Kathy's life in the past, but now retired from her role as minister's wife, she and Jim are freer to visit the Oregon coast and enjoy lots of seafood. On a visit two years ago to the East, Kathy took a drive up to show Jim around Middlebury. "I kept getting lost. We talked to two delightful young men, residents of the Château who were fascinated with my tales of life there in the '50s." • **Fred Buckley** (Hartford, Conn.) wrote an actual letter. No one has had more fun with offspring than Fred, who stated 10 years ago that "our daughter Nancy is the joy of our life." Fred married later than many of us, so Nancy's two children are two and four, challenging the grandparents Fred and Dorothy to realize "two days is as much as we can take in a visit with them at the shore." Fred's career was with the U.S. government and insurance companies and now he plays golf weekly with his brother-in-law. • Correspondent **Tom Ryan** puts in this final word: "Let's all stay active and connected. It works wonders! We've all got to stay mentally and physically active; it's use it or lose it time."

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REUNION CLASS Correspondent **John Baker** reports: **George Limbach** writes, "We had to cancel a planned trip to the Black Sea because of all that is going on there. We are looking forward to the 60th reunion." • **John Denny (JD)** is still well and living in Princeton. He plays golf and tennis and shoots clay pigeons. He will likely be at their place in the Adirondacks next spring and will pop over for our 60th reunion. He told me **Jack Buckingham** is alive and well and living in Bristol, Maine, with Lexie (Angell) '56, his wife of 60 years. He sounded like the Jack we all knew 60 years ago. I hope we'll hear more from him for the spring issue. • **Gus Bramante** writes, "We have been living here in the mountains of Colorado, where we are for most of the year, and we have had a place in the California desert for the winter ever since I had to give up skiing." • **Alden Lank** says, "Being fully retired, we took a seven-day cruise from South Carolina to Florida on the Intra-Coastal Waterway in May, which exposed us to the history of the South. It was very educational." They planned to be at their chalet in Switzerland for Christmas and New Year's. He added, "I'm enjoying getting up to speed on my iPad and iMac. Amazing technology." • **EB Baker** retired 15 years ago from teaching theater and English at Williston Academy. He and Barbara have been living in Brewster, Mass., on Cape Cod, where he continues to keep up his interest

in theater with "Eventide Arts, an independent organization that presents plays, concerts, lectures, and mixed-media events to promote the understanding of social diversity, music, dance, and the art of playwriting and songwriting." They provide "an encouraging, supportive environment for actors, songwriters, and playwrights leading to excellent, creative, and thought-provoking performances that stimulate and educate Cape audiences of all ages." Sounds most worthwhile! • I called and chatted with **Mary Lou King Wollmar**. At the time **Dick** was visiting a friend in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and reported that he had encountered a moose right outside his room. They are still farming in Durham, N.H. • **Ed Janeway** continues to take advantage of Osher Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth. It sounds like a wonderful organization for continuing education for "elders." Ed says it's almost like being back in college, but without the tests. • **Andrew Sigourney** writes, "Flo (Fisher) '57 and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary and our 50th year in what assessors call a camp-style house on the west side of Nahant, Mass. The original center section started around 1900 as the servants' quarters for a large house up on a rise. Enclosed porches, a kitchen, and a boathouse were added on later. The larger part of the boathouse has served as a playroom, party room, and children's room as they grew older and is of late a guest room and computer location. Flo's love of gardening has kept the place beautiful. The garden is a fine example of Darwinism as it is on the west side running along a seawall and there is nothing between us and the North Pole but the Number 2 bell buoy. We have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren, ranging from 9 years to 26 years." • **Henry Van Vleck** says he's alive and well and living in North Granby, Conn. He is an avid tennis player and spends time at the Forest Lake Club in the Poconos. It's a 4,700-acre preserve founded in 1882 and is steeped in the tradition of land conservation and preservation. • **Dave** and Diana Parish '56 **McKissock** enjoyed the beautiful summer they had. He played some tennis and golf and then did some paddling with the Sea Bright seniors in October. "We took a trip to Ocean City, Md., to visit our oldest son, Dave Jr., and wife Denise and son Hunter. Another perfect weekend, except for the traffic in Ocean City—one of the drawbridges got stuck and the town was one big parking lot for hours!" • **Jack "Rocky" Thayer** died on June 28. Jack retired in 1995 from his dentist practice. He wrote in our 50th reunion book that he was a part-time traveler, gardener, farmer, and fly-fisherman. He remarried after his first wife, Joanne, died. He reported, at the time of our reunion, that he had seven children and 11 grandchildren. • Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: Once again our intrepid travelers, **John** and **Kathy Hughes Von Hartz**, had an amazing trip. With two "minders" (who made sure they stayed within the rules) and a chauffeur, they toured North Korea last spring. Kathy wrote, "We spent 10 days in the DPRK (North Korea) from April 29 to May 8. We were never afraid. Our guides were charming and very concerned for our wishes and needs. The hotels were quite comfortable. The elevators worked promptly, and the food was decent and varied. The beer, especially the microbrewed variety, was also good. We were astounded by the number of 30- and 40-story apartment buildings in Pyongyang! The populace of that city is very well dressed. There are very few cars and there are long lines at the bus stops at quitting time. The subway is magnificent—like Russia back in the day. Farmland starts right at the city limits. Lots of manual labor in the rice paddies and very little machinery. We got to see a typical home on a cooperative farm, a state-of-the-art maternity hospital, and a high school English class. I even got to give a short lesson using my long-dormant ESL skills. John followed me and brought down the house. The 15- and 16-year-olds were quite proficient. Of course, we could only go to places that had been preselected by the tourist bureau and the guides were coached, I'm sure, on exactly how to answer questions. Nevertheless, it was a fascinating experience. After the DPRK, we spent 20 days in South Korea. It's a similar land, people, food, and beer, but very different feeling." • I, **Sally**, also traveled to North Korea in August. I agree with Kathy that North Korea is an intriguing country. Some disagreed with me about visiting DPRK because of the human rights issue and giving money to their growing tourist industry. However I feel Kathy, John, and I were ambassadors for America. Of course our guides had to say what they were told, that South Korea and the imperialists (Americans) started the Korean War, which is untrue, as I told our guide. DPRK is an interesting study of how a nation can be completely isolated from the truth of the world and history. All believe what is told them by their Dear Leaders. Everyone MUST wear a little red pin with the picture of the Dear Leaders all the time. Violin music and singing is big, but performances often have a background of soldiers shooting off guns or a missile being launched. Kathy, John, and I could go on for pages about our experiences, so do contact us if you want to read our reports. Bottom line is that DPRK is a safe and fascinating country to visit. • **Sue Heyer Byers** wrote that a group of our fellow classmates, who gathered at Lake Winnipesaukee last summer, discussed what they would like or not like to be part of the reunion program. Dinner locale was one topic. Definitely no one wants our major class dinner to be in Proctor or an institutional College building. But, beyond that, what else? Classmates, how about emailing John, me, or the reunion planners about what you might like and what you do not want at our 60th reunion in June.

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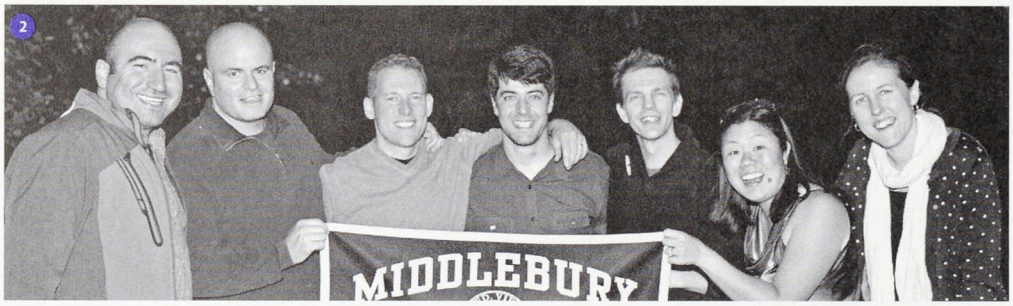
As the Year of 80 continues to surround us, we are happy to share more wonderful responses. **Ron Lawson** prepared to celebrate his 80th near Christmas by traveling in late October to San Antonio for a reunion with his military buddies to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. They were all stationed in Berlin at the time and he expected it to be a great get-together. • **Peg Straus Patierno** writes, "My high school has been having a lot of emails back and forth about turning 80, too. My family gave me a big bash at the Y. There were people from all areas of my life—quite a mixture of friends and lots of food and fellowship. My life is very full and thank God my health is good, too. I'm not sure that 80 is the new 60, but whatever it is, we only have one day at a time." • It was great to hear from **Wendy Buehr Murphy**: "As in most other aspects of my life, I am a late bloomer in turning 80. I don't reach that watershed moment until next June. But certainly I am giving it thought. Husband Jack hit 90 a year ago and is only now beginning to cope with a bunch of issues in the health category, which means that I am coping at his side, seeing that he keeps multiple doctor appointments and taking on almost all of the once shared concerns of running a house, a summer island retreat, boats and car maintenance, finances, and grown kids' and grandchildren's needs. We're pretty good-natured about our changing roles, but it is certainly an adjustment for each of us. If anything, I seem to be invigorated by the challenges, and marvel at what I can do, whether it be scampering up ladders to trim overhanging branches or taking our seven-year-old granddaughter, Ava, kayaking to visit the harbor seals off our island in Maine. But I wonder constantly how long I can keep this up. I want to stick around to be one of those news stories about centenarians doing great stuff but know that these good times can be swept away almost in an instant by some unexpected event. So appreciate every day is my motto, stay active mentally and physically as much as possible, even when it hurts, and keep challenging oneself. I've retired from my volunteer service as an EMT and quit my job as exec editor of Onward Publishing about a year ago, but I'm still very much working, researching and writing two new books that excite me—one on genomics and the other on citizen science—aimed at the young adult market. I never considered a career in the bio sciences at Midd but now am trying to fill in my own gaps and hoping to take young readers along on the journey with me. And on a larger scale I give much of my volunteer time to local and regional conservation and land trust work. That's something that I can contribute that will outlast me for sure." • **Betty Mitchell Munisoglu** is not slowing down: "I thoroughly enjoyed reading the class notes in the summer edition with its perspectives on reaching (or almost reaching) one's ninth decade. I still have a way to go (2015), but I am heartened by the vigor—both intellectual and physi-



1 Josh Pepin '93 married Jennifer Kenyon on September 7, 2013, in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. One of his groomsmen was Jon Hanlon '93 (second row). 2 Dave Paul '00 and Davin Wedel were married on September 21, 2013, in Wolcott, Vt. In attendance from Middlebury were I. George Arison '00, Scott Paul '96, the newlyweds, Toby Dougherty Russell '00, Mindy Atwood Flater '99, and Brooke Penick Anderson '99. 3 On September 7, 2013, Mike Motley and Megan Hickey '06 were married in Terryville, Conn., with many Midd friends and family attending: Sue Lindsay Dana, MA Spanish '80, Meg Guffin Barriger '06, the groom, Liz Braunstein Jarit '06, (second row) Becca Kaufman Sripada '06, the bride, Andrew Barriger '06, Brian Abend '06, (third row) John Hanley '05, Shimrit Paley Markette '06, Bob Montgomery '77, and Greg Hickey '77.

4 When Anne Keiser '70 and husband Doug took an expedition cruise to Indonesia, one of their guides was Kit Van Wagner '93! 5 Last year Middlebury friends had a mini-reunion in Seattle to celebrate the release of Langdon Cook's book *The Mushroom Hunters*: Tip Blish '88, Bob More '89, Lang Cook '89, Kristin Hyde '89, Beth McElroy '89, and Charlie Butt '89.

cal—of my Midd classmates! I, too, am finding life to be a continuing adventure. Although I am still in court every day, presiding over a busy misdemeanor calendar, in September 2013 I took my 26-year-old grandson to Turkey, to introduce him to his roots. I was not nearly as colorful a guide as my late husband would have been, but we had a great time and he is determined to go back again. Mission accomplished! Then, in March–April I volunteered through an international nonprofit (the Center for International Legal Studies) to lecture on U.S. criminal procedure at a university in Hungary for two weeks, prior to which I attended a seminar in Salzburg for an introduction to EU law. After Hungary, I went to Istanbul and was a guest of the Turkish Constitutional Court at the Congress of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts, which was taking place in Istanbul at the time. (I had no official role but friends in the Court thought I would find it interesting.) It was all very exhilarating and stimulating. Now I am mulling over my options for 2015. One thing is certain: age is just a number. It does not necessarily proscribe what one can do to make the most of life's challenges and opportunities." • Ready for a good chuckle? **Mary Anne Thorne Lewis** will give you one. "I am feeling so indignant about the lack of dignity shown to me at my visit to the gastro doctor yesterday! I said I was continuing to have two glasses of wine with dinner. He said that since I didn't look like I was ready for the glue factory yet, I should cut down to one! Can you imagine how that hurt my dignity—not to mention his bedside manor gets a zero. 'I'll see you in three months, young lady.' I could get him to cry out in pain if he calls me 'young lady' again. The tai chi I'm taking is a martial art, after all! A friend sent me *You're Only Old Once! A Book for Obsolete Children* by Dr. Seuss, written in 1986. It is a must-read for those of us who have reached 80." • It continues to be a joy to be your correspondents and to keep all our classmates in touch.
Dick and Judy

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Kathy Platt Potier writes, "Weren't Ron '56 and I smart to plan a southern trip during the worst two weeks of last winter! Our destination was Cuba, high on my bucket list because I was curious to see how it had changed since 1955, when I visited **Julee Stone Miller** at her parents' home in Trinidad. The answer is that the colonial village of Trinidad looked very much as I'd remembered it, and the famous/infamous Hotel Nacional looked no different either. There is still toe-tappin' music on every street corner and cooling rum drinks in the hotels that don't taste like Lancaster. We loved the opportunity to meet Cubans of every age and situation, from kids in an after-school dance program to folks our age in a se-

nior center. We returned with new insights on Cuban-American relations and now read news about Cuba with fresh eyes. Guess that's what travel is all about!" • As has been mentioned before in this column, Suzanne-elizabeth-babbidge.forevermissed.com is a website that **Sue Babbidge**'s daughter, Amy McLaughlin, set up. It is a wonderful tribute. • **Gail Bliss Allen** volunteers two afternoons a week at the wonderful nationwide GED Academy student computer site. This is a comprehensive and recently enhanced program online. Progress is carefully monitored by the system. • **Marty Johnson Moore Wooldridge** writes, "Tim and I are in travel mode, sometimes taking a couple of days to relatively local spots (Middleburg, Va., and Chestertown, Md.), and other times going further afield: the coast of California in 2013, a terrific barge trip on the Nivernais Canal in Burgundy this past June, and what seems to be an annual trip to New Orleans to hear Dixieland jazz at Fritzels, a hole-in-the-wall on Bourbon St. just beyond the craziness. Here in Annapolis we are busy with various activities at Ginger Cove, the Naval Academy, St. John's College, and at church. **Frankie Hall** and I are in the same aerobic swim class, and we worked together on Ginger Cove's 25th anniversary hardback book. I am also tutoring in a reading program for second graders at a local school. Life is full!" • **Peter Decker** has a new novel, *Red, White, and Army Blue* recently published. See www.westernslopepress.com. • Please send us your news for the next issue of the alumni magazine! How are you enjoying retirement?

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Correspondent **Deb West Zipf** reports: **Gale Lorenzen Flagg**, who died last April of ALS, lived her life in the woodlands of Maine and became an expert botanist, an organist, a birder, a small business owner, a newspaper columnist, a ham radio operator, and the discoverer of a rare orchid never before recorded in Maine. She has left a legacy of achievements for us to remember and we send our sympathy to her family. • Correspondent **Mary Roemmele Crowley** reports: Total knee replacement surgery. On August 12, I had the surgery. On August 15, I went to rehab, where I spent three weeks. On September 2, I went home and was told to be diligent about exercising and icing. I have been diligent about exercise and ice, ice and exercise, and thus I am told I am ahead of the curve. (I do not feel ahead of anything but those are the words I heard.) I was thrilled to get back to driving on October 2! Onward we go. Anyone have any knee or hip stories you want to share? Please send. • Sadly, **Liz Conti Bellavance** died in July. A sharing comes from **Carolyn Dwinell Calhoon**: "I remember the first time I met Liz. As I entered Center Battell for our junior year, I passed a room and there she was, playing bridge on the floor as though she had been at Midd for years. I think it spoke of her courage that this Pittsburgh young woman, educated to this point exclusively in Catholic schools, made her way to Vermont to continue her education! In any case, she quickly became a part of the group, became a Kappa sister of mine, and was a wonderful friend. She was a fellow English major, so we saw a lot of each other. She remained very devoted to Midd. I would hear from her quite often through the years as she reminded many of us to send in our yearly alumni contributions. What an excellent alumna she was!" • **Rita Chandellier Glavin** reports that she is practicing law with her husband and two sons, also lawyers. Glavin and Glavin is the name of their firm. A daughter is also a lawyer and specializes in white-collar criminal defense in NYC. Another daughter teaches 11th and 12th grade English. Rita and her husband have four grandchildren. She said that everyone is well. • If these notes are not as long as you would like them, please send unsolicited news to Ro or Deb. And chalk up the brevity to the knee surgery. I continue to love talking to Midd classmates to reconnect and ask if they will share who they are now with the rest of us. • Welcome to **Elaine Humme** (elainehumme@yahoo.com) who has signed on as a class correspondent!

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John Rich traveled to the Northwest states, which included a visit to the McMinnville, Ore., large-aircraft museum housing the Spruce Goose built by Howard Hughes. He continues his musical gigs in local restaurants in Garden Valley, Idaho, and has several CD recordings. If interested, contact John at johnrich3@frontiernet.net. • **Avery Tillinghast** is still gaga over our 55th reunion. He gets his "grandparent fix" in Wells, Maine, and still sails International Class 110 sailboats. He continues to coordinate capital campaigns in New England and has taken an active role within our class. • **Anne Goebel Barkman** reports, "I attended Alumni College at Bread Loaf in August. **Millicent Fairhurst**, **Carol Sippel Monsees**, **Gayl Maxwell Braisted**, and **John Fay** were also there. It was great; I recommend it highly." • **Dean Beyer** has succumbed to downsizing on a lake in Rancho Murieta, Calif. Dean's fall travels included watching several UC-Davis basketball games featuring his granddaughter, a standout player. As many recall, Dean was a pretty good intramural athlete. • **Barbara Samson Thompson** writes, "Luckily, my son Seth and wife Karen were here on sabbatical from the UAE when my husband passed away in May. Son Ron and wife Anne are now in NYC. My daughter, Deborah, made two trips from England with husband Paul. Grandson Ron III graduated from Georgetown and is now working in Washington." She planned to go to England for Christmas to visit Deborah and Paul and be joined by Seth and Karen from the UAE. • **Dick Krasker** reports that all is well in Fryeburg, Maine. His wife has returned home and has found Dick to be a better cook than she had in assisted living. What a great story! • **Lee Lonsdale Schaffer** continues her figure-skating judging. She comments, "Sadly, an inexcusable situation in the ISU has brought about a downward spiral in world figure skating, including the current decline in the competitive success of the U.S., and along with it, the lack of coverage of our lovely sport on American TV. The bright spot last winter was, of course, our stunning gold-medal ice dancers! A sad development is the attempted overhaul of the judging system after our unfortunate 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. I still judge tests and prefer to do small grassroots competitions, where politics are still absent and hopes and smiles are brighter. I hope you and yours saw my young friends Charlie White and Meryl Davis overcome the European/Russian stronghold on ice dance in February, even if you had to be up at 3:00 a.m. to see most of their gorgeous magic!" • **Fred Swan** wears us out, as the saying goes. He was off to Gorham, N.H., this fall to hike the Presidential Range for four days with his son. He hoped to find some Midd students working at the AMC huts. • **Mary Charles Hubbard Blakebrough** writes, "In January I joined the Raleigh Midtown Rotary Club—I love being a Rotarian. Now when I travel I find Rotary Clubs to visit and have been to Savannah, Ga., San Francisco, and Portland, Ore. I attended the 2014 WDS Conference in Portland and even helped create the Longest Yoga Chain (808 people) in the Guinness Book of Records. Wonderful speakers and events focused on community, adventure, and service. I have added TAPPING (EFT-Emotional Freedom Techniques) to my career coaching and am getting incredible results in relieving stress/pain and eliminating creativity blocks. I am actively seeking 20 more people interested in exploring how Tapping (by phone/Skype) can work in their lives, as part of my certification." • **Bob Luce** cruised southeast Alaska on a small cruise ship with focus on the "serious aspects" of the Alaska experience, like wildlife, geology, glaciers, great food, lots of wine, and more. Humpback whales were in abundance. • **Russ Miller** traveled to Vero Beach, Fla., to catch up with **Bruce MacIntyre**. They said they both enjoyed doctor visitations. Old age brings a new dimension to live by. Mac appreciated the pics of the "oldsters" at our 55th reunion. • Unfortunately **Andy Montgomery** reports he learned of the death of **Bruce**, his senior year roommate, on November 12. • And more sad news: **Ron Anderson** and **Bill Ryan** died in August. **JoAnn Witmer Anderson** writes, "Having attended Middlebury on athletic scholarships, Ron was a grateful, proud, and enthusiastic supporter of Middlebury throughout his lifetime. He closely followed the sports teams and

academic ventures and looked forward to visits to campus, reunions, and other contacts with classmates." We send our sympathy to the Anderson, MacIntyre, and Ryan families. • **Anne Martin Hartmann** and **Andy Montgomery** will be hosting another Midd mini-reunion in late February in the Bradenton, Fla., area. If you will be in the area, let Andy know. • **Lucy Paine Kezar** has created, and emailed to all classmates for whom we have email addresses, an Adobe-album sequence of photographs entitled "Scenes from Our Reunion." If you did not see it and would like to receive it, email Lucy.

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REUNION CLASS The Committee on Art in Public Places at the College has accepted a gift in core-ten steel, a monumental work by **John Pindyck Miller**, called *Youbie Obie*. (Check out the photo in Scenes.) It was installed adjacent to Coffrin Hall and Le Château. Pindyck wanted the sculpture to be viewed and considered from all angles. His striking and visually provocative work extends Middlebury's public art collection to a new corner of the campus and should stimulate reflection on abstract concepts such as form, movement, and scale. (Coffrin, which we knew as "Barnes," was HQ for our 20th (?) reunion.) • **Vcevy Strekalovsky**'s art was recently included in an Arthur K. D. Healy retrospective at the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury, which included works by Healy's students. Vcevy's art was also featured in October at the Edgewater Gallery in Middlebury. You may remember the space as Frog Hollow. Vcevy and Pindyck were freshman-year roommates. • Bob and **Judy Neese Woods** went to Naples, Italy, in mid-June to help their newly divorced son take care of his sons for the summer. He is in the Navy in Naples. While there, they also cruised in the Baltic. Judy is still writing, hoping to put out a novel as an e-book. • This past summer, as opposed to more intellectual and/or sophisticated travel, **Libby Kelley** visited family in Nashville, Tenn., taking along her grandchildren and accompanied by her other daughter, her spouse, and their children. They spent parts of three days at large water parks, which wore out the kids as much as it did the adults! • **Jean Emrich Battelle**, **Loey Boon Hill**, **Lee Farnham**, and **Jean Seeler-Gifford** attended Alumni College at Bread Loaf in August. The weather was gorgeous, the courses interesting. Lee wrote, "Alumni College was a fun experience and I can't tell you why it took me so long to discover it, only that I'm glad I did." He asked for a photo of us four to prove to his wife Anne and her dawg that he was there. Lee plans on being at our 55th. • Speaking of reunion, save June 5–7 and come back to Midd. For our 55th **Bruce Burnham** and **John Gilwee** put their heads together and reserved and paid for the Champlain Room at the Marriott Courtyard for Friday and Saturday nights. They invite all to stop by after events on the hill. **Bruce** and **Genie Cannon Burnham** wrote it was a great success at our 50th. No BYO at the 55th but the hotel bar is convenient. Bruce also shared how the College helped him back in the day. All four years he worked the kitchen and did not pay for meals. Lacking enough money for his final semester, he received an interest-free loan of $500 from Midd, which he repaid within nine months of graduation while working as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. During winter and spring breaks he worked at Moose Provoncha's ESSO station, where he says he pumped more beer than gasoline. He is grateful for the help he received. • **Dick "Tusker" Atkinson** missed the first home football game because he was in Steamboat visiting family and then going home via San Francisco to visit **Ken Haupt**, for a West Coast mini-reunion. In August he had a great, if short, luncheon get-together with Linda and **Bill French**. • Amy and **Mike Robinson** visited the studio of Sabra Harwood Field '57 to watch her demonstrate how she does wood block prints. Mike reported that Sabra answered any and all questions in her studio in East Barnard, Vt. • With regrets we report that **David Knott** passed away on September 5. In 1972 he gave up his business suit and moved to Sun Valley, Idaho. As he wrote in our 25th book, he had a warm spot for the College and the friends he made there. • Also, we are sorry to report the death of **Judy Cox Weiler**. She was an Am lit major, a member of KKG, and active all four college years in many organizations. **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** wrote, "I still remember her performance in *Phoebe's Caboose* and how exciting it was that a freshman got the part!" • **Vcevy** and **Jean** always like to hear from you. Keep in touch.

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Everyone must be hibernating! Your class correspondent is always looking for more class news whether your travels take you afar or you stay in the comfort of home. • Congratulations to **Phil Latreille**, who was inducted into the new Athletics Hall of Fame at Middlebury as part of the grand opening of the new field house.

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Correspondent **Judy Bosworth Roësset** reports: In late August, for the first time, I attended the Alumni College up at Bread Loaf. It was a relief to escape temporarily from the incessant 100-degree weather in Texas. **Nora "Scotti" Wright** and I met the day before in Brandon and stayed at the lovely Lilac Inn and had a delicious dinner at Robert's Cafe Provence. The next day, Thursday, I was off to Bread Loaf to get checked in before lunch and the start of the classes, which ran through Sunday morning. There was a choice of five different mini-courses so it was hard to select one. I'd signed up for Modern Morals but when I saw how much reading had to be done (which I didn't have time to do and probably wouldn't have understood anyhow), I weaseled out and joined the Italian history of food class. This was very interesting and entertaining and noncontentious, which, according to the morality/ethics group, theirs occasionally was. There were classes in architecture and geology, including field trips, and of course, truly delicious meals and decent wine. So I encourage you to sign up next year. There were lots of very alert people from classes way before ours as well as a lot of younger people—a really good mix. And Lee Farnham and Loey Boon Hill from the Class of 1960 were there, among others. But no other 1962s! • **Bonnie Boyd Russ**'s youngest daughter was married in June and the youngest of four granddaughters started at Kenyon College in the fall. They have a granddaughter at Middlebury, Olivia '15, who loves it! "We are trying to age gracefully (!), still living in Hingham, Mass. We now also join the snowbird population and migrate to Florida in the winter. It's much nicer there than in Hingham at that time of year. I play golf (not particularly well) and do yoga to keep mobile. I see Midd friends every few years and keep in touch with others." • **Jon LeTowt** has resurfaced in St. Michaels, Md., where he has lived for 12 years. During the six-month sailing season, he crews on a 41-foot catboat, *Selina II*. During the colder months in 2010 and 2012, he did bareboat charters in the Caribbean for recreation. When he is not sailing, he co-chairs a local group of Great Decisions, which discusses matters of U.S. foreign policy and all of its pitfalls as created by the current administration. After resting up from these debates, he is kept busy as president of his homeowners' assoc. and its 313 members. In 2007, Jon founded Vet Sail, a group dedicated to bringing wounded warriors to St. Michaels from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Ft. Belvoir Hospital for a day of sailing, relaxation, and good times out of the hospital. On a sadder note, Jon's best friend, soul mate, and confidante, Nancy, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer in May of this past year. Other than that, life goes on in the Land of Pleasant Living.

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We hope you all had a great summer and fall, and that perhaps some of you returned for the ALC/Homecoming Weekend in October. • Classmates seem to have been on the

move—visiting one another and, we suspect, making more permanent retirement moves evidenced by increased difficulty experienced when attempting to make contact via telephone. If you do move, please update the College so we can keep you informed. • **Jim McKeown** (West Lebanon, N.H.) relates that he and wife Judy made a trip last April to the Carolinas, where they visited with Brud Conn '62 and our own **Bill Temple** and **Rick Apfel** (both in Isle of Palms, S.C.). Further travel took the McKeowns to Basin Harbor, Vt., where they crossed paths with **Larry Ring**, **Bruce Bailey**, and **Bill Delahunt**. • There appears to be a

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

In August **Elizabeth White Stanley** (MA '72) was named Against the Grain star of the week. She is the national sales manager for Bullfrog Films. • **Dick McCarthy** (MA '05) was named this school year to head the Humanities Division at Lyndon (Vt.) Institute. He joined the faculty last year to teach AP and regular English. • **Stacie Charbonneau Hess** (MA '13) loves her job of two years teaching English as an adjunct faculty member at Bristol Community College, a two-year school in southeastern Massachusetts. She has introduced Sherman Alexie, Simon Ortiz, and many other contemporary indigenous writers to her students with great success! This January Stacie also began teaching English at the Northeast Maritime Institute, another two-year college that was recently approved as a degree-granting institution by the Board of Higher Education. Stacie is thrilled to be on the ground floor of this exciting adventure and is open to any and all suggestions of wonderful books about the sea to teach the future mariners. She can be reached at staciecharb@icloud.com.

CHINESE SCHOOL

David Lasson ('13) is a member of the humanities faculty as well as a college counselor at Dalton Academy, the high school affiliated with Peking Univ. (Bei Da Fu Zhong). David welcomes visits from anyone with a connection to Middlebury who is interested in the work they are doing there; contact him at dlasson@cal.berkeley.edu.

FRENCH SCHOOL

Mert Bland (MA '56) writes, "I went for a doctorate in education (focus on language education) at UCLA in 1963. I had four professional incarnations: for almost two years I served in the U.S. Army (during the Korean War, but I was in Germany); for over five years I taught elementary and secondary school in California; for a quarter-century I was a foreign service officer (Ghana, Guinea, Congo, Madagascar, and Pakistan); and then for another quarter-century I traveled the world training folks to teach English (the former East Germany just after the fall of the wall, Malaysia, four universities in China, Guinea, Morocco). I married a French gal in Lyon in 1952 and we had five kids in alphabetical order: Allyn born in Illinois, Bruce in London, Clarie in California, Dean in Washington, D.C., and Evlyn in Madagascar. We have nine grandchildren." • **Thomas Albin** (MA '75), a partner at Embry and Neusner in Groton, Conn., has been named a BV Distinguished Attorney for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence in disability law. • **Kendra Paupst** (MA '06), who once taught French and served as the language department chair there, has rejoined St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Academy as the associate director of admissions.

GERMAN SCHOOL

This school year **Susan Essex Luce** (MA '00) was hired by Rice Memorial High School in Burlington, Vt., to teach Latin.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

Living in Sonoma, Calif., **Anna Lowe Pier** (MA '65) was named the chairman of the board of directors of La Luz Center, a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of the underserved in Sonoma Valley. • **Paul Freiberger** (MA '76), who coauthored *Fire in the Valley: The Making of the Personal Computer*, recently came out with the third edition of the book, now titled *Fire in the Valley: The Birth and Death of the Personal Computer*. He is founder and president of Shimmering Resumes, a career improvement services company. • On July 18 **Elizabeth Schiavone** (MA '09) married Alexander Lorestani in Rye, N.Y. She teaches Italian at JP Stevens High School in Edison, N.J. • **Zach Nowak** (MA '10) is at Harvard, working on a PhD in American studies. He recently had a translation of a book, *Why Architects Still Draw*, published by MIT Press. He is currently working on translating and editing a book about the invention of the pizzeria in Naples.

MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Monterey-Salinas TV station KSBW ran a feature last April spotlighting the unique story of **Sanaz Tofighrad** (MAIPS '10), who ran in the Big Sur marathon. Growing up in conservative Iran in the years following the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Sanaz resorted to disguising herself as a boy in order to pursue her passion for running. "I cut my hair short, I wore a baseball cap, and I wore baggy clothes so my body wouldn't reveal I was a female," she said. Eventually her family was allowed to emigrate to California, where Sanaz studied at the Univ. of California, Berkeley, and then at MIIS. Today Sanaz teaches Persian and Farsi at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey. • A *Washington Post* story on tracing small arms quoted not one, but two, MIIS alumni: **Jonah Leff** (MPA '07) and **Rachel Stohl** (MAIPS '97). Rachel was the consultant for the Arms Trade Treaty recently passed by the UN, while Jonah works for Conflict Armament Research. Jonah also recently hired two MIIS alumni, **Shawn Harris** (MPA '13) and **Tim Michetti** (MAIPS '14). • Earlier this year, **Pei He** (MACI '14) was selected from nearly 1,500 contestants as a winner in the Many Languages, One World Essay Contest, which invited students from around the world to compose an essay on multilingualism and global citizenship. As a winner, she traveled to New York to participate in a five-day Global Youth Forum that culminated with the contest winners convening at UN Headquarters to make presentations based on principles of the UN Academic Impact program. • Adjunct professor (and former dean of the then Graduate School of Translation and Interpretation) **Bill Weber** sent word of a gathering of MIIS Conference Interpretation alumni working at the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games, which included **Pablo Chang-Castillo** (MACI/MAT '02), **Angela Yin-Goniak** (MACI '90), and **Ekaterina Mostovaya** (MACI '10). Bill served as chief interpreter at the Games and, in Pablo's words, "continues to support MIIS alumni throughout the world."

RUSSIAN SCHOOL

Bilyana Ventsislavova Lilly ('12) recently published *Russian Foreign Policy Toward Missile Defense: Actors, Motivations, and Influence*. She is an international relations expert and consultant, specializing in Russian foreign and domestic policy, NATO, U.S. foreign policy, and international security.

SPANISH SCHOOL

Jim Fraser (MA '67) writes, "In June 2015 I will have completed 48 years of teaching Española in the same school, Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. Actually I am on sabbatical this year and have been in Lima, Peru, since November for some six months to unwind, and to enjoy the people and their culture, as well as their delicious cuisine. I have resided in Spain twice, for a year each time (Madrid and Granada), lived in Quito, Ecuador, for three years and have done close to 25 student-adult excursions to Spain and Latin America over the years. *¡Felicidades!*" • **Marielena Cosa Villamil** (MA '70) has been named the 22nd member of BBVA Compass National Advisory Board. She is the cofounder and president of the Washington Economics Group, an economics-consulting firm. • In September **Fritz Lash** (MA '77) became president of Mater Christi School in Burlington, Vt. He has previously served as senior major gifts officer at the U.S. Military Academy and principal at two high schools in New York. • **Gordon "Skip" Crosby** (MA '98) was one of four finalists for Maine Teacher of the Year. He teaches Spanish at Poland Regional High School and has been actively involved with the Safe Passages program in Guatemala, taking several students each year to Guatemala.

congregation of classmates in the Hanover, N.H., vicinity, namely **Charles Buell** (Norwich, Vt.), **Stephen Wilkerson** (Hanover), and **David Taylor** (Plainfield, N.H.). • Peter '62 and **Jane Bachelder Johnson** have settled in Manchester, Vt. Janie reports that their cell phone numbers have not changed, so feel free to call and arrange an informal visit. She also encourages classmates to join the mini-reunion river cruise from Paris to Normandy, France, in 2015. You may reach her at petesgirl1222@gmail.com. • **Betty Ann Cooper Kane** (Washington, D.C.) has been confirmed for a second four-year term as chairman of the D.C. Public Service Commission, which regulates all utilities, low-income assistance, and storm-damage repairs. Husband **Noel** seems to relish this "nonretirement" phase of her life. • Correspondent **Chris White** recently received a phone call from **Ed Hixson** (Lake Clear, N.Y.) in the heart of the Adirondacks. At Middlebury, he was a member of KDR and the Mountain Club, and he competed on the cross-country ski team. You may recall that during our 25th reunion he presented a fascinating talk on one of his early ascents of Mt. Everest. Ed has retired from being an orthopedic surgeon in the north woods and also as a physician for the U.S. Ski Team and the Vermont National Guard. He continues to thrive on expeditions in the wild—particularly canoeing—and he invites classmates of a similar bent to contact him at bphixsons@aol.com. He has canoe, paddles, and is willing to travel and portage. • We also see on Facebook that **Craig Stewart** (Edmonds, Wash.) and wife Valerie paid a visit to **Larry Ring** (Tucson, Ariz.) while on a trip to Vancouver, BC. • **Dayton "Dates" Fryberger** (Sun Valley, Idaho) reports that he occasionally sees **John Weekes** (Buhl, Idaho), who continues as a golf professional at the Twin Falls Golf Course. • **K. Prescott "Scott" Low** (Mt. Desert, Maine) returned a phone call from **Chris White** relating that he had just finished a salmon fishing trip on the Restigouche River in Quebec with seven fellow anglers. Scott won the prize by catching five good-sized fish. Like many of us, he reports that his knees are not as limber. He is fully retired now. In the past year, he and wife Susan have traveled extensively—Europe and South Africa, with longer spells at their homes in Florida and Maine. • Congratulations to **John Bower**, who was inducted into the new Athletics Hall of Fame at Middlebury as part of the grand opening of the new field house. • Your correspondents **Jan** and **Chris** encourage you to reach out to each other. Wake up every morning with a youthful outlook and keep us posted as to your doings.

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Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: The first thing I want to do, as a new class correspondent, is to thank **Pam Nottage Mueller**, who I am replacing, for the great job she has done the last few years in this position. We heard lots of news and the longer, more in-depth pieces were interesting and, I'm sure, took time to gather and prepare. Thanks also to **Pam**, and to **Mike Heaney**, for planning the wonderful reunion activities. It was a huge job and I can't imagine that anyone did not appreciate that or have a great time. • Despite the recent reunion, a few people did respond with news! **Mike Devlin** writes that he and wife Laurie spent the cold months last year in Naples, and were looking forward to a trip to Ireland this past fall. • **Alice Taliak Imbur** says, "This past year was the year of reunions for us! In May was Don's 45th medical school reunion in Milwaukee; in June was our 50th at Midd; in July we had a BIG family one in Michigan. After that we continued to travel throughout the entire state of Michigan in our RV. What a beautiful state with shores on the Great Lakes of Michigan, Huron, and Superior. Circling on land, the whole shoreline of Lake Superior had been on our bucket list, since we had completed the Great Loop on our sailboat. That journey took two summers to motor/sail from Virginia to Canada through the Great Lakes and various rivers to the Mississippi, and down to the Gulf of Mexico. From there we returned up the East Coast to Virginia. What a grand way to see our country!" At reunion, Alice and Don told of the difficult sinking loss of their boat, in which they had had many wonderful adventures, and their subsequent switch to RV travel, which is a whole new perspective. • Also, news came from **Stan Cunningham**, who lives in California and had not been to many reunions before. He was from Connecticut originally, and several of us carpooled back and forth at vacations, so it was nice to catch up with him and meet his wife, Joyce. He and Joyce took advantage of the trip east to enjoy not only our reunion but some other East Coast sightseeing and nostalgic visits as well. He writes of touring and sailing in Salem, Mass., visiting old friends in Gloucester, Mass., seeing his old home and neighborhood in Hartford, Conn., and of talking with a former student who is now 62! Part of their trip included a visit to Montreal, where he and classmates loved to go as students to *practique un peu de français* (practice a bit of French)—still a lovely, inviting, international city! He says, "We enjoyed an exceptional dim sum lunch in the city's quintessential Chinatown, where the Chinese servers spoke French. The next day we climbed up to the top of Mount Royal right in the middle of the city, where the panoramic view was breathtaking. On the huge chalet patio was a public piano in which anyone could take to the seat and serenade the visitors, and play they did!" He goes on to say that going into Canada with a CDL was easy, but getting back into the U.S. was dicier. The Canadians found them in the computer system as they were both newly fingerprinted teachers, and told them the U.S. could do likewise, which was true. But, as he says, "Back in the day, no passports were required. Our world has changed dramatically since 9/11." Later in the summer, they visited Tahoe, and also saw their four-month-old (very cute) grandson, Matt. All of this sounds like a summer from which one needs to go back to work to rest up, but the best kind, busy and interesting. • Jim and I (**Dori**) didn't make such good use of our trip back east from Iowa, but just went to Cape Cod for a couple of weeks after reunion. We did, however, celebrate the birth, on July 4, of beautiful new granddaughter Naomi, daughter of son Eric and wife Adrianne. We decided it would require a quick visit to California over Thanksgiving break! • Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: I don't know how many of you got the chance to speak directly with **Mike Mone** at reunion, but trust me it's a hoot when you do. Some of us were fortunate to hear him on our classmate panel discussion or when he presented previously at Midd about his involvement with Gitmo detainees. Well, Mike has received numerous awards and one recent one prompted this correspondent to give him a call. Earlier this year, the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic partner of the Massachusetts Bar Assoc., honored Mike with the 2014 Great Friend of Justice Award. They pointed out that Mike was worthy because "as a nationally recognized trial lawyer and pioneer in the field of tort litigation, he has been extraordinarily committed to giving back to the legal profession and the community throughout his career." Much of Mike's satisfaction over the years comes from his pro bono work. He thrives from taking on the hard and difficult challenges on behalf of serving justice. In particular, he looks for cases where defendants have been unfairly accused or treated, or been seriously injured. He's also very proud of representing U.S. Rep. Bill Delahunt '63 in a disputed primary election. Going in, Bill was down by 250 votes. Thanks to Mike he emerged with a 125-vote victory and went on to serve in Congress from 1997 until 2011. Mike takes his self-deprecating humor quite seriously. He points to the number of plaques he has received for "one achievement or another." He personally believes the plaque industry owes him a word of thanks. "I can't tell you the number of times I get a call saying I have been awarded a certain status they would like to acknowledge with a plaque. Oh, and by the way, the plaque costs only $495." Some of his tributes include "Irish Lawyer of the Year" or "Top 10 Percent of All Professionals in the U.S." He facetiously asks, "Do you know how many professionals there are in the U.S.–doctors, plumbers, athletes, teachers? Top 10 percent? Really?" Just to let you know, many of his honors are truly meaningful. For example, Mike served as president of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, the only plaintiffs' attorney to ever hold that position. For context, some of Mike's predecessors in that office include Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Louis Powell and Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski—pretty significant

company. Two Lifetime Achievement Awards Mike received recently have given him great pause. He reflected on the many Lifetime Awards given to entertainers in Hollywood. His conclusion is that in more cases than not these awards typically arrive just before the onset of a heart attack or the awardee actually passes on. This has given Mike a compelling reason for wondering if the awarding entities have been speaking to his cardiologist and know something that his doctor has not told him. Let's hope not. Mike's too good a storyteller to lose quite yet.

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65 REUNION CLASS The 50th reunion chairs are working relentlessly to bring this event to memorable fruition! **Randy Brock**, **Carol Burr**, **Bob Royer**, and **Nancy Smith** are putting this together with a lot of help from **Andy Johnson Perham**, **Fred Stetson**, **Norm** and **Bonnie Trompeter Lowe**, **Michael McCann**, **Joe McLaughlin**, **Tim Carey**, **Melrose Huff**, **Ed Weissman**, **"T" Tall**, and a whole lot of others. Reconnecting with our far-flung class has been enlightening! We are all at that point on our journey where we have definitely left footprints, some on political endeavors, some on social institutions, some on healthcare issues, some on legal and literary venues, and many on learners of all ages. We have erected homes, built bridges, mended bodies, taken our expertise to foreign parts, and all of us have impacted the hearts of others—who have equally left love in our hearts. It hasn't all been easy or joyous, but it has had its rewards; that, I think, is one measure of our success. The process of tracking down all our class members has led to some interesting emails, phone conversations, and mini-reunions in various parts of the U.S. Lots of news has been coming in. • **Judy Fair Dickison** remarks that with a blind horse, a husband with MS, and adult kids with back surgeries and hip replacements, she is mindful that she is no longer regarding herself as a "spring chicken." She has six grandchildren and recently took up biking after a 40-year hiatus. And while working part time in real estate, she and Chuck are still traveling. • **Bonnie Garr** traveled from New Mexico to New England to reconnect with **Barbara Clive Fagan**; the two of them then went up to Middlebury to be with Liane Bicknell Barrera '64 and Janet Sayers Smith '64, where they prevailed upon Woody Jackson '70 for a tour of his art studio. • **Tim Carey** has retired, downsized, and moved closer to Boston. Daughter Zoe '16 is spending her junior year in Argentina. Tim was put to the test when he agreed to have his culinary expertise auctioned off for the benefit of a local charity. Winning bid: $25,000. Bet it wasn't dogs and beans! • Destination weddings are catching on with the younger generation and have spread to ours. In a wedding that was picture perfect, **Judy Couperus Radasch** and Dan Stickler were married in September on Lake Como in Italy. Inveterate traveler and the epitome of serenity, Judy planned the overseas nuptials with minimal glitches. Dan has already been welcomed into the fold of our class with his support of Judy's efforts at our reunion planning. • Common themes are popping up—people traveling to distant parts (Europe, Africa, the Far East, Machu Picchu), people retiring to common communities (Florida, Arizona), and people cherishing red spaniels (**Sue Mervine Clear** in North Carolina and **Ed Weissman** in Vermont). • Several of us were back on campus in July to work at various tasks. **Sue Clear** and I (**Polly**) walked out of the Davis Family Library at five one evening to hear the Mead Chapel bells merrily playing "Walls of Ivy." I thought it was for *our* benefit—the campus was full of language students with other loyalties than ours—but it was probably just a fluke, a very charming fluke. • One of the downsides to all this rummaging through Internet alleyways is turning up classmates we have lost forever. Mountain guide and lifelong wilderness wanderer **Peter Koedt** passed away in 2010 in Jackson, Wyo. The son of Danish resistance workers smuggling Jews to Sweden during WWII, Peter and his family emigrated to the U.S. in 1952. Landing virtually penniless in San Diego, the Koedts made their way eventually to Jackson, where Peter's mother still resides. An acclaimed mountain climber, Peter left his mark as a 20-year-old when he summited, via a new route, Mt. Moran in the Grand Tetons—and then skied down! The Rockies always called him, and our Green Mountains were not enough; one afternoon in the spring of our freshman year, Peter climbed McCullough Gym and rappelled down. • **Lynn Haberstock De Mont** died in 2011 in Phoenixville, Pa., where she had lived for many years with her husband and three children. Intrigued with the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, Lynn became a certified Waldorf teacher and spent many, many years inspiring young students at the Kimberton Waldorf School, the second oldest Waldorf School in America. Among her passions were the importance of storytelling and the role of music and sounds in the lives of young children. • Please put our June reunion on your calendar; our 50th promises to be spectacular, nostalgic, and energizing. Join us!

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66 **Holly Hartley** has written a memoriam for her longtime friend **Hilde Lehmann**: "I am sad to report that **Hilde** died in San Diego on June 24, from the complications of a treatment for cancer. She fought long and hard, and a large online community encouraged and supported her and Ronni Rosenfeld, her partner of 37 years. Hilde and Ronni were married in 2008. I cannot imagine my four years at Middlebury without Hilde. Her humor, her sensitivity, and her sense of fun were her trademarks. After Middlebury, Hilde earned advanced degrees in social work and public health at the Univ. of Michigan. She moved to San Diego and after working in a hospital setting, founded Hilde Lehmann and Assoc., a temporary agency for social workers. Years of caring for her father led her to establish Senior Care

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Management. Many families can attest to Hilde's compassion and support for the ill, the elderly, and those who care for them." **Prue** and **Francine** remember Hilde vividly as well, and feel her loss. • We have also learned that **Robert Adamec** died in February of 2014 in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. **Prue** and **Francine** remember him as our valedictorian at Middlebury and have since learned that he went to graduate school at McGill, in Montreal. We believe his field was neuroscience research, with a focus on epilepsy research. Please feel free to send us your more personal remembrances of him. • On a happier note, the *Vineyard Gazette* on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., recently published a profile of longtime resident **Ivo Meisner**. Here's a summary: In 1950, Ivo's family fled their homeland of Estonia in advance of the Soviet invasion of that country, ultimately arriving in Connecticut. After graduating from Middlebury and American Univ. Law School, Ivo served for a while in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps before setting up his own private law practice in Edgartown, Mass. In addition to his practice of law, Ivo has been a longtime board member of the Open Land Foundation, an organization dedicated to preserving the rural character of Martha's Vineyard. And there is a bookish side to Ivo's life: he has also served as president of the Manuscript Society, an international organization of rare manuscript collectors. Ivo has long collected rare and used books, turning that hobby into a business in 1986. His shop, the Book Den East, houses 25,000 used and rare books, plus posters, works of art, and artifacts. Ivo also owns a business in Estonia: a 150-acre cross-country ski and summer-fun resort. However, finding it impossible to be in two places at once, Ivo is currently seeking sales offers for the Book Den. Any classmates who find themselves on Martha's Vineyard should be certain to seek out Ivo's very special shop. • **Martha Faulkner Fenno** sent us the following memorial for the late **Marge Ryder**, who began with us in 1962 and finished her degree in January 1967: "Marge Ryder of San Francisco, who died in April, is remembered by Middlebury friends for her energy, enthusiasm, and *joie de vivre*. Having spent much of her childhood in Brazil, Argentina, and Portugal, Marge was fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She spent her junior year at the Univ. of Madrid. After graduation, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Brazil. She did graduate work at the School for International Training (previously the Experiment in International Living) in Brattleboro, Vt., and was a field representative for the program in Pamplona, Spain, and later in California. Marge taught at the Univ. of San Francisco and was an ESL instructor for 27 years at City College of San Francisco. After retiring in 2007, Marge and her best friend, Linda Schurer, became active in dog agility with their beloved golden retriever Jaeger, flat-coated retriever Cami, golden retriever Jo Jo, and Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever Kefi, all of whom loved the fun of the sport and were ribbon and trophy winners. Marge's love of animals, her close connections with friends, and her infectious exuberance are fondly remembered by all who knew her." • Please help us honor these, and other, classmates who are now gone by contributing a few lines for our next issue about what you're thinking and doing these days. Life is short—let's share it while we can.

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Dillon Jackson came from Seattle to Vermont in July to attend a bankrupt attorney's conference in Stowe. (No, Dillon is not bankrupt, but he represents those who are.) Afterward, he visited **Tom** and **Susie Davis Patterson** on Lake Dunmore. In honor of his visit, a few in-state classmates came by on a beautiful Sunday afternoon for lots of catch-up visiting and a motorboat ride around the lake, as well as playing Ping-Pong and Corn Hole, a beanbag game that Tom made for camp. **Rich** and **Joan Viehdorfer Roller** came over from Quechee, Vt., where they have a condo for summers and possibly for retirement. With only one last year coming up at Tabor Academy (having taught and administrated there ever since graduation), they are facing a major decision of where to settle for retirement. **Sue Rugg Parmenter** and husband Bill came from East Corinth, where they have been settled in retirement for some years. **Rick Hawley** came down from Ripton, where he and wife Molly live in retirement (although Rick is still a very active writer having just published another book), and **Karl Lindholm** came from Cornwall, just back from a super-interesting year with his family in Africa as part of his wife's sabbatical from the College. • While staying at camp, Dillon and Susie made contact with **David Wood**, better known to us as "Bear." David is an attorney in L.A., founding partner of his firm and a "hotdog" according to Dillon, who would know about the world of attorneys. David is still practicing law and hopefully might work Lake Dunmore into a future business trip back east. Hope other classmates do the same! • **Susie Patterson** was once again thrilled to find a classmate in her Alumni College 2014 class, although until the group introduced themselves, Susie and **Carlisle Wildeman** had merely eyed each other, thinking "that person looks a bit familiar." Over the course of four days and several meals together, they got caught up on each other's lives and careers. Carlisle taught secondary French for 30 years in Montgomery County, Md. She now works for Guiding Eyes for the Blind as a puppy trainer of future guide dogs. Susie asked if it was hard to let them go, and Carlisle replied that it's like sending them off to college and being an empty nester again. That's when she goes traveling, often on Road Scholar trips of which she has enjoyed many—subject matter, locales, and people in the group. Both Carlisle and Susie loved their Alumni College course taught by Glenn Andres, Architectural Eras and Treasures of Addison County. Class time was mixed with a guided walking tour of Middlebury Village, a guided bus tour of Addison County, and a guided slide show of the College campus. This was a holistic humanities course, looking at history, geography, society, finance, and big personalities through architectural styles and actual buildings, and liberally sprinkled with wonderful anecdotes of Middlebury College. One day they were able to take in a very special show at the Sheldon Museum of Arthur K. D. Healy paintings, along with some by students of his over the years at the College. • The fall 2014 Midd Women of '67 get-together was another "wonderful gathering in a magical place" (**Helen Martin Whyte**)—Monhegan Island off the coast of Maine. We were hosted by **Livvy Barbour Tarleton** at her mother's family's early 20th-century cottage and enjoyed reconnecting, laughing, singing, eating, walking and hiking, sharing our life stories and exceptional camaraderie and caring for each other (and even a swim in the cold Atlantic for a few intrepid ones of us). A few comments from attendees: "We keep alive the memories of college and the joys of 50+ years of friendship" (**Freddie Mahlmann**); "It's just so much darn fun it's almost embarrassing" (**Helen Whyte**); "I will savor the memories and look forward to another gathering in 2015" (**Judy VanNostrand Sturgis**). **Kathie Towle Hession** is gearing up to host us in Central Vermont next fall. We encourage all women in our class to get on the email list for this very special annual event, which is usually in early September. Send your current info to Susie at the email address below.

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By this time we have all survived the dreaded 50th high school reunions—either to be enjoyed, endured, or skipped. Who *were* all those old people at the reunion? • Correspondent **Ben Gregg** reports: "I celebrated my 50th reunion from Burlington (Vt.) High School in late June and was happy to be there with **Sam Levin**. (We are also looking forward to our 50th from Midd in just a few years, in June 2018!)" • **Kathy Mason Ambrette** writes, "This year at the College's Alumni College, Bread Loaf Campus, August 28–31, five members of our class went back to school: **Jeannine Laverty**, **Barbara Barrett Bloom**, **Conrad Ambrette**, **Linda Mason**, and me. **Magna Leffler Dodge** came up for Saturday night dinner. David Dodge '69, as well as a few others close to our class, was also present. We had a great time and want more of our classmates to come. For several years, the Class of '55 has had the largest numbers at Bread Loaf. It's time we took over, and you can't beat the teaching, the scenery, and the food!" That's a chal-

lenge for all of us! • Meanwhile, correspondent **Betty Austin Henderson** and husband Don met David '66 and **Nancy Brooks Richardson** in Amsterdam in September and continued on the Alumni Assoc. Rhine River Cruise together. "We had a great time. The Middlebury contingent was wonderful, as were Midd professor Michael Geisler and his wife, Alice Leo. It's always fun to compare notes with alumni from different generations. This was our second trip sponsored by the Alumni Assoc., and we highly recommend these trips. It's especially fun if the trip is shared with friends and classmates." • **Sue Hastings Chandler** reports that she and Wells continue to enjoy retirement. "We visited Italy and France in October 2013 with **Nancy Cahill Mercer** and husband John. We stayed with **Susan Caughman** and **Gerry Goodrich** at their home in Caussiniojouls, France, which was a delight. That plan was hatched at reunion—another good reason to go to reunions. You never know where it may take you!" Sue also reports, "**Terry Morse** and wife Anna Vitte stopped by en route to Terry's 50th reunion at Holderness during the summer of 2014. We had a delightful dinner with them and Dan '69 and Elinor Livingston Redmond '69. In anticipation of their visit, I read Terry's memoir *Aspen Kid*. I suggest that anyone who knows Terry (and anyone who doesn't!) read his book! It is funny and so well written as it introduces us to both Aspen, in its earlier, wilder state, and to Terry as an incredibly bright, inventive, and creative child. It is amazing that Terry survived his childhood based on his exploits! The fact that we even got to meet him at Middlebury is remarkable! I can't wait for the sequel, which should include his time at Middlebury. It's available on Amazon. (As is fellow skier **Bill McCollom**'s book *The View from the Finish Line*.) Prolific writers, those skiers! We have had a summer of many houseguests, but managed to escape with John and Nancy Mercer to Cranberry Island, Maine, to see Chris '63 and **Susan Blume White** in their delightful home right on the rocks." • **Sue Chandler** then reported to us that she had read Bill McCollom's book. "It is a delight. Bill's self-deprecating humor and his many subjects in his essays over the past 15 years for *Ski Racing* magazine make his book a quick read. He talks about experiences we share (aging, the '68 Winter Carnival, references to people we may know, aging, activity levels, failing body parts, aging...) with insight, homegrown philosophy, and humor. Of course, he is still highly engaged in Masters Racing so we may not be able to relate to all that he writes about!" See more on page 57.

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Correspondent **Peter Reynolds** reports that he has read *The Aspen Kid* by Terry Morse '68 and marvels at both how Terry survived to his successes and at his memory or his imagination. Read it for stylish and almost humorous reflection from birth to our reaching college. • Following reunion, **Sue Robb Weidner** shared an experience intriguing even for a retired U.S. diplomat. First she expressed "deepest gratitude to Midd's marvelous Russian dept. and Language School (followed by lots of work experience) for enabling me to dialogue directly with all kinds of people in the former Soviet Union (including current President Nazarbayev in Kazakhstan), Eastern Europe, Afghanistan, Cuba, and even former Premier Li Peng in China." Then she related she made a return trip to Azerbaijan after more than three decades. She marveled at the positive economic changes since the fall of the Soviet Union, noting how the oil and gas revenues have helped President Aliyev maintain an independence from Putin while offering an alternative source of oil to Turkey and Europe. In my (**Peter**'s) last three Army Reserve tours in the mid-1990s, I briefed the command of U.S. Army Europe on the Caucasus. No one had heard about a place called Chechnya, and the Caspian oilfields were looking for a pipeline to the west. Sue's insights from her experiences in the eastern Caucasus, Russia, and the Soviet Union are enlightening. • Also on the heels of our 45th reunion, **Rick "Clubbo" Minton** has been active. He had his daughter, Chelsea '08, create a class reunion website: chelseaminton1.wix.com/middreunion1969. You can try to put 1969 names with 2014 faces. Rick takes time from his law practice in Connecticut to maintain a Midd basketball blog that reflects his continued interest in Midd b'ball's long trip from the '60s to the NCAA's: clubbo44.weebly.com. He has also found time to write a novel: "It's a mystery with a background in the American thoroughbred-racing scene. Don't know when it'll be out—but the title is *Cold Water*. I thank **Rob Orchard** for the impetus he provided me at reunion. 'Without the dreamers, we'd have nothing to produce.'" • Rob, incidentally, having "retired" from 30 years of work at Harvard and having been the founding managing director of the American Repertory Theater and having directed the Loeb Drama Center, is in the process of "retiring" from his subsequent position as the first executive director of the arts at Emerson College (Boston). Rob has become an acclaimed producer and has recently been credited with bringing international theater to Boston. • **Chuck Perry,** who volunteered to bring a late '60s playlist to reunion, got little exposure due to the full reunion schedule. Nominated by those few who stayed up late enough to listen, Chuck has been acclaimed through an ad hoc list-serve as Class Curator of the Playlist. In accepting this lifetime appointment, Chuck informed me that he had actually ridden on the coattails of his wife, Adelaide, MA French '77, and his son, Mark '16. One can see how Dr. Perry has become VP (and director of studies) at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis in Cambridge, Mass.—he delegates. • **Wendy Cole**, retired from flying but not from traveling, spent a couple weeks cruising the Greek Isles with her daughter. She was looking forward to an October gathering in Marblehead, Mass., with **Lynn Markham Beebe, Elinor Livingston Redmond, Jackie Ogden English**, and **Julia Lord Soule**, and another winter in Deer Valley. • Please discover us and join us at www.middleburycollege69.com.

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REUNION CLASS **Stu Parnes** writes, "After 35 years as a museum curator and director, and the past four years as the executive director of Connecticut Humanities (the state's office of the National Endowment for the Humanities), I retired in July." This ends the long-distance marriage that he and **Sue Ellen Thompson** have maintained between Mystic, Conn., and Oxford, Md., since 2010. Maryland will be their permanent home, where Sue Ellen will continue to write her poetry and Stuart will try to provide her with lots of content. Sue Ellen's latest book of poetry, *They*, was published in July 2014 and is available on Amazon.com—check it out! • **Beth Prasse Seeley** reports: "I had a wonderful visit with **Kathy Wardwell Roser** at her lovely home in Durango, Colo., in September. Kathy is a gracious hostess (and took in not only me and my husband, Rich, but also our visiting cousins from France!), and she certainly lives in a stunning place. We had a great time catching up!" • **Frank Moorman** sent this note: "After a divorce in 2012, I was married last June to Mary Ellen McTague inside Lucy the Elephant in Margate City, N.J. We had actually met back in the '70s when I was a graduate student at Trinity College in Connecticut, and she was an undergrad. We reconnected through Facebook. For the past few years, I have been director of strategic internal communications for the Univ. of Maryland Medical System and will probably continue that for a couple years. I am also a member of the Resident Acting Co. of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Co., which recently opened its own building in downtown Baltimore, a 19th-century bank that they converted into an indoor theater reminiscent of the Globe. My older daughter, Barrie, this year was named as a recipient of the Teaching Tolerance Award, a national award presented every other year by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Mary Ellen and I live in Ellicott City in Maryland, and I am certainly open to hearing from anybody else in the area." • Check out a photo of **Anne Keiser** on page 66. • *And a final note: 2015 is our 45th reunion year! At our last reunion, we pledged that we would ROCK Mead Chapel at our 45th—so be there or be square! Reserve the dates: June 5–7. See you there!*

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Ken Remsen reports: "After more than 40 years of working with learners from age 5 to 65 in a variety of roles (teacher, coach, camp counselor, college instructor, fitness instructor, principal, workshop leader), I retired in December. Maybe I'll go back to skiing seven days a week, which is what I did the first three winters after leaving Middlebury. Nancy (Stetson) '72 and I spent some time in Iceland in July. We enjoyed the beauty of the country. Last summer we visited Peru, another beautiful place. We enjoy spending time with our three granddaughters." He was hoping to go to Qatar in November as a babysitter while his daughter-in-law attended a conference. • We also caught up with **Bob Cosgrove**, who was on a business trip in the Midwest. For the last seven years, he's been operating a rotomolding company in Minnesota that manufactures custom parts for large equipment companies. He's now in his final year of employment, with plans to retire in October 2015. With characteristic energy, he explains, "I'm ready to move on." The fun stuff in his life centers on travel adventures with family and friends. Bob and wife Kris took a three-week trip in May to northern European/Baltic/Scandinavian countries; Bob, brothers Dodd '72 and Bill, and friends enjoy out-of-bounds skiing—via skins, helicopter, or Cat. He reads widely and actively and, as we discovered, is a terrific source of great books and movies. He's looking forward to expanding his travels and activities after retirement, making the most of the opportunities in this next chapter of his life. His children, Nicole and Carson, "are both employed!" Nicole has started a small film production company in NYC, and son Carson works with computers in Minneapolis. • Family, friends, and former hockey teammates of **John Boothroyd** gathered in Peterborough, Ontario, on September 14 for John's memorial service. Among the tributes to John, who died June 11, was this one from **Grove "Goose" Nichols**: "We all remember John for the character and prankster he was at Middlebury, especially around DU. We also remember him for his blazing speed, incredible moves, and game-winning goals on the ice—like his overtime winner against Hamilton on Carnival weekend, leading us back from a 6-0 deficit after the first period. I also remember a particularly jaw-dropping tally. We had a face-off in the other team's zone at the right circle. I was on the left wing—a front row seat, as it were—with Boothie at center. Boothie won the face-off, actually controlling the puck, pulling it back, dekeing the opposing centerman, and flashing toward the net. The defenseman stepped up, and Boothie deked him too. Now it's just John and the goalie—snap—upper righthand corner—red light on! When it was all over, I hadn't even gotten out of my stance, my jaw down around my bellybutton." A formal obit will appear in a future issue. • **Lynn Spencer Holland** writes, "After teaching science to kindergarteners through adults from 1967–2010, I have found a delightful retirement job in resident relations for Park Terrace, an independent and assisted living residence in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. While at Midd, I had the pleasure of taking a world history course from Prof. Marjorie Lamberti. It focused on individuals who changed the course of nations by their actions. At work, I meet living history—individuals who have lived through some amazing historical events: a witness to the carving of Mt. Rushmore and the local controversy of its environmental impact; WWII POWs who discovered they had been housed in prison camps a few miles apart; a pilot who recognized himself and his airplane in U.S. military archive footage spliced into a movie; a man who traveled in the last wagon train to Texas when he was a five-year-old boy—his father made a living as a mustanger, capturing wild horses and selling them to the Army; a NASA scientist who helped troubleshoot one of the manned flights requiring a MacGyver-like fix to bring the shuttle safely home; a man who served in the French Resistance dodging Nazis in the catacombs of Paris and a Dutch woman whose family sheltered Jews and Allied troops. I continue to be inspired by the resilience of the human spirit during duress and the joy these seniors have in their lives. I've also completed the mentor program for Education for Ministry (EFM). EFM is a four-year course of study through Sewanee, College of Theology, University of the South. I perceive a need for chaplain services for seniors who have relocated from their lifetime homes. They are not only separated from friends and neighbors, but frequently from their faith communities as well. I hope those who read this will consider urging your own faith community to visit senior residences, offering spiritual support. I am deeply homesick for the Green Mountains. My travels anywhere have been sharply curtailed by recent spinal surgery. I'm thankful for the extraordinary medical care I have had here, and it is pleasant to recuperate in this climate. I moved westward to care for my mom, wife of the late Robert Gordon Spencer '31. She passed away at age 103 in 2011. I currently reside in Laguna Woods, Calif. My son, Robert Abraham Holland, a Dartmouth grad who attended the Midd Chinese language summer school is now a PhD candidate studying international economic development at Harvard. My younger son, Robert Jesse Holland, grad of St. Michael's, is on active duty in the U.S. Army. I send regards to my friends in the geology dept., the radio station, the Outing Club, and suitemates."

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First some sad news about the passing of **Pam Taft-Dick**, relayed by her friend **Ria Torres Murphy**: "Pam lived in interesting places—Mali, the Philippines, Pakistan, Niger, Rome—but she never missed a reunion that I can recall, and once arrived on campus with her arms intricately hennaed. Her laugh drew others in—it was memorable—and she laughed often. She was a girl from Vermont and a woman of the world." Pam's obituary is posted on our class Facebook page and will be in a future issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends. • Also on our class Facebook page (please join us!) are links to the works of our class's amazing number of visual artists. A few highlights: **Steve Miller** has been covered by the art and larger world since the 1970s and has exhibited worldwide, holding over 40 solo shows from Rio de Janeiro to Switzerland to Washington, D.C. His current work explores the intersection of art and science; he collaborates with scientists and their work to "combine the creative output of an artist and a scientist. We're all asking questions, trying to understand what forces make or shape who we are," as he was quoted saying in the *Smithsonian Magazine*'s September 2013 issue. His "Health of the Planet" project features x-rays of Amazon animals, his surfboards have been displayed in the windows of Bloomingdale's in Manhattan, and his line of clothing is available in NYC and Miami. His technology company, ArtLocal, locates art in NYC and Toronto, Canada, via a free app for iPhones. See our Facebook page for more links to images and stories! • **Vikki Nicolson Henderson** completed a master's degree in painting with a Ford Foundation scholarship at Pratt Institute in 1980. She has exhibited in galleries across the U.S. and in London, where she grew up. "My favorite medium has always been works on paper using mixed media and water-based paints, and I continue to paint to this day!" Vikki has operated her own Wearable Art collection of jewelry, using vintage parts, and has had stores and shows in Manhattan, Miami, and West Palm Beach, where she lived for many years. "Now I have a home in Long Beach, Calif., so that I can keep track of my family!" Vikki and **Cabot Henderson** have a daughter, Davina, who is the senior designer at the Natural History Museum in L.A., carrying on the artistic family tradition and raising their two grandsons, to whom Vikki is teaching the love of painting. • **Nancy Howe Russell**, who presented to our classmates during our 40th reunion, came to an art career rather late in life. "It was not until 1988 I made a serious effort to concentrate on painting. In 1990, after being selected as the first woman artist since 1934 for the U.S. Dept. of the Interior's Federal Migratory Bird Stamp design, exhibition opportunities and increased exposure for my work set in motion a professional path that centered primarily around oil paintings of wildlife and bird subjects. Inspired by a trip to Copper Canyon, Mexico, and my experience with the Tarahumara na-

tive people there in 2001, I became more drawn to painting people, especially of indigenous cultures. This new direction led to creating 'Painting a Brighter Future for Women,' a fundraising painting project to benefit nonprofits empowering women across the globe. The project began with the native pastoralists of Kenya and has since expanded to support the women of Bhutan and the Kuna Indians in Panama." Nancy wonders if the number of artists in our class stems from the Middlebury admissions office selecting applicants who would use the Johnson Art Center, just completed at the time of our enrollment. The late **Jamien Morehouse** comes to mind: she trucked in a bed to that space and held a slumber party as part of a "Happenings" art event back in 1971. Her artwork and life were memorialized in the creation of the Jamien Morehouse Wing at the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland, Maine. • **Alison Sommers Kennedy** works in the field of graphic arts at WGBH but loves to paint watercolors while on vacation. • Exhibits in Edgewater Gallery in Middlebury feature **Anne Cady**'s Vermont scenes. • We realize there are other '73 visual artists, so please come forth and share your work! And in future issues and on Facebook we'd love to share stories and information from our class scientists, writers, geographers, musicians, business leaders, teachers, politicians, farmers, and from all the professions and hobbies we have, so please write in! We welcome all life updates, and if there's not room in the column we'll post on our class page or save your notes "til we meet again."

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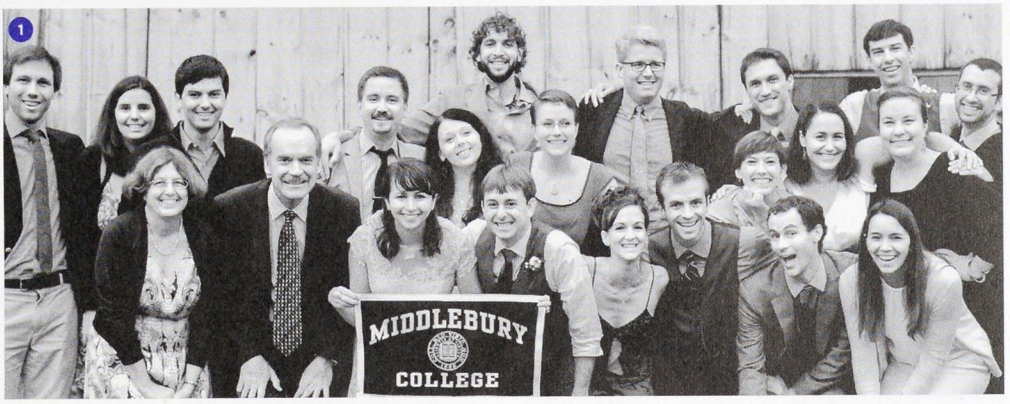
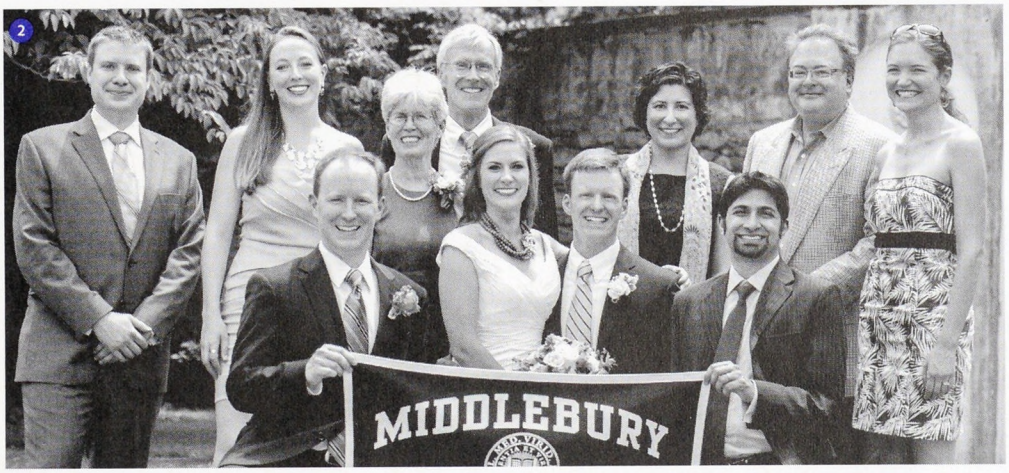
74 Correspondent **Barry Schultz King** reports: Most of the following comes from conversations I had with classmates at our reunion a few months ago. Reunion is a class correspondent's dream as far as getting material for the class notes! More news will follow in later columns, too. After a brief exchange on Ross Terrace at lunch on Reunion Saturday, **Trudie Thompson** sent in the following update. Trudie married David Welch, but did not change her name. She was underemployed for a year after graduation, then became an Army officer in military intelligence, with active duty from 1975–85, when she became a Foreign Service officer (political) with the State Dept. She lived and worked at consulates and embassies in Frankfurt, Botswana, Korea, Australia, and Afghanistan, as well as in Washington, D.C., and ended up in the Washington area (Falls Church, Va.) when she retired in 2009. She stayed in the Army Reserve, and as a result is now collecting pensions for 33+ years in the federal government (24 as an FSO) and about 12 years worth of Army time. "I didn't think about pensions when I joined the Army or State, but I sure am glad now!" Since retiring, she has continued to work part time for State doing 24/7 shift work in an operations center, has gotten very involved





1 In Buskirk, N.Y., Becky Bierman '08 and Daniel Kelley '08 were married on September 7, 2013, with many friends and family members helping them celebrate: (all '08 unless noted) Ilene Lovesky Ladd '86, David Ladd '74, the newlyweds, Caitlin Vincek, Jack Cuneo '09, Ben Grimmnitz, Kristen Ward, (second row) Adam Morgan, Rebecca Cobbs, Dan Ladd '14, Michael Nevadomski '09, Melissa Marshall '09, Kelly Patton Klein '09, Laura Budzyna, Becca Steinberg, Rachel Bearman, (third row) Ricky Klein '07, Alex Hall, Evan Smith '09, Sam Shoutis, and Kevin Tierney. 2 On June 30, 2013, Brian Ambrette '02 married Greta Gartman at the Gwyn Careg Inn in Pomfret, Conn. Family members and friends who joined in the celebration included Eric Ambrette '04, the newlyweds, Vijay Renganathan '02, (second row) Adam Franco '02, Chelsea Minton '08, Kathy Mason Ambrette '68, Conrad Ambrette '68, MarYam Hamedani '02, Josh Lane, Russian School '92, and Erin King '04.

3 Board members Crossan Seybolt '77, Sheryl Crockett Tishman '81, and Peter Kenyon '79 met up at the Teton Valley Ranch Camp Education Foundation board of directors meeting. 4 The Class of 1982 had a strong showing at the 2013 Middlebury San Francisco holiday party at the Contemporary Jewish Museum: Lisa Kissinger Kaplan, Beth Stelluto Dunaier, Nancy Rielle, (second row) Jib Martens, Greg Murphy, and RJ Hake.

with the Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines (ladies' barbershop), and is also a Rotarian, a volunteer at the library, and an inveterate traveler. She inherited a wonderful house in Rehoboth Beach, Del., from her parents, who died in 2009 and 2012, and though she plans to move there someday, currently drives the three hours each way as often as she can manage. Come visit in Rehoboth *or* Washington! Email: trudiethompson@aol.com. • Also in the D.C. area are **James** and **Pam Gaylord McNaughton**. Jim is the chief of the histories division for the U.S. Army Center of Military History and is responsible for the official history of the U.S. Army. In the fall he attended the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., and planned to visit many Civil War battlefields while in the area. Pam is retired and is on a number of volunteer boards, including the National Capital Puppetry Guild. Inspired by Jim's return to student life, she is seriously considering auditing some of the War College classes in 2015. • **Shelly Ford Moe** and husband Ken live 15 minutes from the Phoenix airport. They are both pastors with the Presbyterian Church USA, although Ken is retired. For the past 15 years, Shelly has been serving a parish that is "open and affirming" and part straight, part gay. Her parish is part of the More Light Presbyterian network of churches. • **Randy Lake** and wife Kathy (Cooper) '77 are enjoying living in Houston. Randy has retired and Kathy continues to teach energy law part time. Their son, Ethan, graduated from Middlebury in 2008, earned a PhD in geology, and is now teaching at the Univ. of Texas at San Antonio. • **Ginny Glazier Babal** retired after teaching special education for 36 years. She and husband David are thriving in retirement. They traded in the motorcycles they enjoyed for years and bought a sailboat. Need I say more? • **Kevin Candon** is the probate judge in Rutland, Vt. At the time of our reunion, he had just completed an annual Judicial College at Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain. Kevin claims his golf game is still lousy but he keeps working at it; maybe that's really what he was doing at Basin Harbor. He and wife Suzy have two children. Their daughter Kate is a junior at MIT and their son Joe is a senior at Rutland High School. • **Bob Mauro** lives in Denver with wife Julie. Bob is a pediatrician and also frequently serves as an expert witness in malpractice cases. Bob and Julie each have two children and all live in the Denver area. • **Brooke Roberts** reports that he opened a hand-carved lettering and inscription design studio in 1979 in Newport, R.I. The carving process is done with a mallet and chisel and his work can be seen on buildings and in cemeteries throughout the U.S. Brooke says, "I've recently put down my chisels and have begun a second career as an artist, mostly oil painting, a lot of drawing, some sculpture too. Just what I was doing all senior year as a studio art major and what I've always wanted to do." • After many wonderful years working with **Greg Dennis** as my co-correspondent, I'm now delighted to share the task with **Steve Trebino**. Steve writes, "I was happy to say yes when approached about serving as a class correspondent. My wife, **Vivienne (Longo)** and I are always looking for ways to stay connected with Middlebury. Both our daughters attended the College as well, graduating in 2005 and 2008. I retired a couple of years ago after a 35-year career as an officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. I held a variety of positions there, had an interesting career, and felt like I made good use of my economics major. Now I ski a little, play a lot of golf, swim for exercise, help relatives with financial matters, and do other things I enjoy but didn't have time for when working. Vivienne works part time at a financial planning firm. I know people enjoy reading class notes but are sometimes reluctant to volunteer information about themselves. I encourage you to contact either Barry or me whenever you have something to share."

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REUNION CLASS **Jean Scandlyn** sent word that she has coauthored a book that was published by Left Coast Press called *Beyond Post-Traumatic Stress: Homefront Struggles with the Wars on Terror.* She is a medical anthropologist and teaches at the Univ. of Colorado Denver. • Hope you can make it back to campus June 5–7 for our 40th reunion!

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Diana Munger Hechler writes, "David and I are living happily in Larchmont, N.Y., and we have now paid the last college tuition bill. Running D. Tours Travel still takes up most of my time, but it remains a great gig for someone like me who would talk travel anyway, even if I didn't make a living from it. Very happy with my chosen career!" • Reams of rendezvous to report: On the East Coast, early September brought a week full of Middlebury connections for **Jennifer Hunt Nicasio**. It started with lunch in Waterbury, Vt., with roomie **Lynne Reichart Graves** and husband Harry, who are spending more time in Vermont these days at their Grand Isle house. Later that week, Jennifer had dinner with **Kim Wiehl**, who is back in the U.S., working with her brother in their family real estate business after years in London. Finally, Jennifer spent the day with **Peggy Daniel Delhan** and **Judy Jacob** at Peggy's New Jersey home. "GREAT to see everyone and the week was a good reminder of how much fun it is to be in touch with our Midd friends." Jennifer also celebrates family joy: Oldest daughter Lauryn '05 and son-in-law Conor '03 are new parents to Arden May Soden, born last January. Jennifer writes, "What everyone said about being a grandparent really is true." Jennifer is a certificated financial planner working in the Norwalk, Conn., area. • And from the West Coast, **Walter Burrier** writes, "For the first time in over 19 years, I heard from one of my former roommates, **Arthur Gallagher**, who called me from out of the blue. Arthur is a farmer living in St. Louis, Mo. He sounded well. Like me, Arthur was a February freshman." Walter has also been in touch with **Kevin O'Leary.** • On our class Facebook page, many '78ers participated in a lively discussion about the 40th anniversary of our first week at Midd, and original roommates **Debby Kittay-Parker, Stephanie Connors Stewart** and **Gabrielle Keller** shared a terrific mini-reunion photo. Please consider dropping by! And keep sending your news.

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In an interview with the *Rutland Herald*, **Dede Cummings** described how her new book, *Questions for the Dalai Lama: Answers on Love, Success, Happiness, & the Meaning of Life,* was inspired by the Dalai Lama's visit to the Middlebury campus in 2012. The book, published by Hatherleigh Press, was coedited with fellow Vermonter Travis Hellstrom. See more on page 57. • **Susan McCafferty** wrote, "I spent most of my summer taking my two kids to and from various camps. The side benefit to me was getting the chance to catch up with Midd friends. I took my 14-year-old son to Circus Smirkus in Greensboro, Vt., and later dropped by Middlebury and surprised my college roommate, Rev. **Laurie Macaulay Jordan**, the chaplain of the College, with a short visit. Then I took my 16-year-old daughter to a pre-college program at Brown Univ. and had a wonderful dinner with **Annie Glidden Kammerer**. She took us to the Providence WaterFire celebration in the heart of the city. I was reminded again of how great it feels to be in touch with college friends." • **Debbie Fish Butler, Mary Lee Johnson**, and I (**Alice Lee Openshaw**) had a great time together at my daughter's wedding in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in June. Mary, a Lutheran pastor as well as aunt of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. • Check out a photo of **Peter Kenyon** on page 75. He met up with Crossan Seybolt '77 and Sheryl Crockett Tishman '81 at a board of directors' meeting. • We received this update on the busy lives of **Dan** and **Mary Gilles Atwood**: "Dan and I had a great time at reunion. Although we missed some dear friends who couldn't make it, this reunion had a silver lining:

the absence of people who were central to our college experience left room for talking with classmates we never got to know in the '70s but loved connecting with now. Even after all these years, it's still possible to make a cool new friend at Middlebury. Back home in Woodstock, Conn., life is full, rewarding, and chaotic. Our five grown children are all on the East Coast for the first time in years, and we are thrilled to see as much of them as we do. (I think they really come home to see each other, but Dan and I will take them on any terms.) Son Tom was married in August to a wonderful Duke classmate, so we now have three married sons and four grandchildren, whose adorableness brings out every cliché in us. We're also busy raising our adopted 12-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter, which means that at our age we're still warming the Little League bleachers. Dan retired in 2010 from United Natural Foods, after 28 years with the company, and spends a LOT of time as a volunteer on many local community boards, among them Marianapolis Preparatory School, where he is chairman of the board. He also opened a sports collectibles business that has him acquiring baseball cards as happily as he did in fifth grade. Like so many others, we're trying to help our aging parents navigate some daunting paths, but we feel fortunate to have three still alive. From where we stand, 35 years postgraduation, the fragility and fleetingness of life is increasingly clear, but so is its beauty and richness." • We heard more rave reviews of Reunion Weekend, including this from **Joanellen Sullivan:** "Reunion was amazing, once again catching up with old friends and sharing experiences with new friends. It was a wonderful laugh-filled weekend. I can't remember when I had so much fun. It really was just terrific to see everyone. I think **Maggie Paine** is right and we should get together more than once in 5 years!" We agree!

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REUNION CLASS The Class of 1980 alumni have a Facebook page featuring photos of mini-reunions, including the boys from Battell South, as well as past reunions and days on campus. Check it out as well as the photo on page 87 and get excited to reunite on campus June 5–7.

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Sarah Hoskin Clymer writes, "I've become a walking pilgrim these past few years, ever since walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain to celebrate my 50th! Since then, I've returned to my roots in England and have walked different sections of the Mary Michael Way in southwestern England as well as created and led Spiral Path Pilgrimages in Cornwall and the Glastonbury area. It's been amazing to walk these sacred paths and experience sacred sites in so many ways, and it has changed my life! I have also been walking labyrinths wherever I can find them and have created sacred walks here in Boulder, Colo., using labyrinths as our sacred sites and destinations. I've even gotten to walk with **Elaine King Nickerson**'s sister-in-law, Lucy Call King '76. We even built a classic labyrinth in our yard that I walk most days. I'm looking forward to leading another sacred sites pilgrimage in Cornwall this summer as well as assisting my 82-year-old father on a tour of his historical saga set in 18th-century Cornwall. Life is full and fun, especially as I still have two kids at home, one in college, one on tour with his band!" • **Barbara Jean "Beej" Burns Comstock** has left Virginia's State House, where she has served three terms as state delegate, for the chambers of the U.S. Congress to represent the 10th Congressional District of northern Virginia. She soundly defeated Democrat John Foust 57 percent to 40 percent in the hard-fought, hotly contested, closely watched race to replace Republican Rep. Frank Wolf. In recognition of her talents and experience, she received endorsements from Mitt Romney, Sen. Paul Ryan, and former governor of Virginia George Allen. With Wolf gone and longtime representative James Moran retiring, many say there will be a vacuum of influence in northern Virginia but we suspect there may not be a vacuum for long! With her victory, Beej made history as the first woman elected to represent the 10th district. On election night, **Marcia Nordgren** and **Meredith Broadbent** were present at Comstock headquarters in Ashburn, Va., to witness history in the making and to celebrate the event. In other Burns Comstock news, daughter Caity married Andrew Roller on May 10 in Washington, D.C. Midd women attending the joy-filled nuptials included Meredith, Marcia, **Leslie Evans Thorne**, and **Judy Holland**. Congratulations, Beej! What a momentous year for you and your clan!

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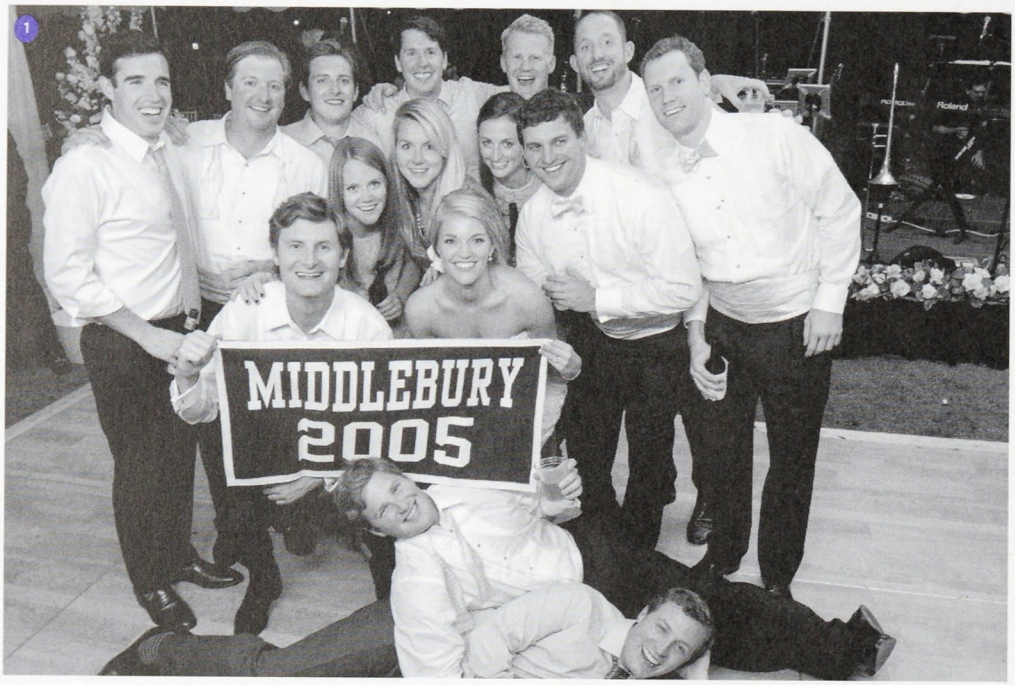
Mary Ann Petkiewicz Willmarth is busy with Back2BackPT and continues as chief of physical therapy at Harvard Univ. Mary Ann is working on a user-friendly book regarding injuries and your health. She is active on Twitter and would love to hear from any and all! • News came from **Jane Simon Fritz**: "Last spring I went to NESCACs at Bowdoin to watch son Joey (Amherst '14) play tennis and I saw a lot of **Doug** and **Beth Rockefeller Currier**. Rock was my roommate for two years and it had been more than 15 years since I had seen them—we had so much fun!" • **Paul** and **Tina Gluck Henderson** have just moved to Back Bay, Boston, after 30 years in New York! They report that they love city living again. "Our empty nest doesn't feel that great but at least we have our dog, Jackson. Paul is happy to be done with Wall Street and has started an educational technology company called CourseKicker. Please check it out. I am done with teaching for now, but will be trying to find a home for my Girls Center (which is an after-school program designed to help middle school girls with their self-esteem) after I get settled in our new surroundings. Our kids, Stephanie '11, Will, and Emma, are all getting older and doing well." • **Mary Frangakis** is super excited to announce her next assignment as a Foreign Service officer to—ready?—Embassy-Athens! "I will serve there as a political officer for the next three years. As much as I've loved working on Afghanistan affairs at the State Dept. in Washington, I am ready for a less stressful assignment. I'm tickled by the fact that my apartment happens to be located in the same neighborhood as **Henri Lazaridis**'s mom's house! Small world or what? I welcome visits from Midd classmates." • **Robin Hirsch Friedman** shares the news that she and **Lydia Mason Hill** had a wonderful visit in August in Vermont. Meeting at Leunig's in Burlington was fitting for two Francophiles! "We enjoyed reminiscing and catching up, while Lydia got to meet Lily for the first time. The following day, I got to enjoy having cocktails on the deck with Lyds' parents and son Mason (22) along with my daughters Hannah (21) and Lily (17) in Shelburne—such a fun time, and so wonderful to bring our families together after sharing so many holiday cards and Facebook posts! Lydia is doing great, looks radiant as always, and is powering through her treatments like the Champ that she is! (Champignon, a.k.a. Champ, was always my nickname for her in college—so fitting!) Love you Lydia! Keep up the positivity and can't wait to plan for many more happy times ahead in the very near future!" • **Judy Bonzi** writes, "Bad year for me—I broke my right wrist last January (a fall on the copious ice), then just as I was able to work again, I broke BOTH bones in both wrists in a fall down a flight of stairs (no titillating back story, it was just dark). So, now I have internal titanium plates and eight screws in each wrist. However, I was okayed this fall to get back into the shop and catch up on commissions for some wildly patient clients. I did get out on my bike and also went for an 11-day sail, so the (precious) summer wasn't an entire loss." • **Lynn Ames** (www.lynnames.com) is humbled and proud to report that she has received the prestigious 2014 Ann Bannon Popular Choice Award for her 10th novel, *All That Lies Within.* Making the honor even more special was that it was presented to Lynn by Ms. Bannon herself at a glittering awards ceremony in Portland, Ore., in July. Ann Bannon, who authored million-selling lesbian pulp fiction novels in the 1950s and 1960s, is considered to be the mother of modern-day lesbian fiction. As an aside, *All That Lies Within* features a fictional main protagonist who is a professor at Middlebury College. Lynn is currently working on her 11th novel, *Bright Lights of Summer,* which pays homage to the heyday of women's



1 William Simpson '07 married Marguerite Duke on September 7, 2013, in Denver, Colo. Many Midd family and friends attended including (all '07 unless noted) Alex Palmisano, Peter Britt '09 (on floor), (second row) the newlyweds, (third row) Katherine Entwisle Palmisano '08, Kate Perry, Natalie Shettle Herter, Richie Fuld, (fourth row) Matt Ferrer '09, Jamie Duke '05, Tom Petty '09, Aaron Herter '06, Jake Whitted '06, Ryan Keohane, and Brett Shirreffs. 2 Kevin Patrick Sedney '08 and Grace Giles '09 were married on August 17, 2013, at Tourterelle in New Haven, Vt. They were joined by fellow alums Kate Hirschboeck '08, Emily Jacobs '09, Ceara Danaher Yahn '08, Kara Plunkett '07, (second row) Dan Kaufman '09, the newlyweds, Jimmy Butcher '08, and Ian O'Reilly '08.

3 Robin Wheeler Azqueta '91 and Dawn Blalock '91 were part of a group of women who summited Mt. Kilimanjaro and raised $22,000 for Charity Water. 4 Middlebury friends Rachel Wold '11, Olivia Wold '14, and Roman Mardoyan-Smyth '11 reunited for a hike in Mt. Rainier National Park near Seattle. 5 Anthony Kuchan '11 met up with kicker Steve Hauschka '07 after watching a Seahawks vs. Panthers game in Charlotte, N.C., in 2013.

softball in the 1940s. • **Rick Hanbury** writes that last spring he finally passed his Level 3 Alpine Skiing Certification—it took him a couple of attempts, and 20 years as an instructor, but he is finally a fully certified ski instructor in the Professional Ski Instructors of America. • Todd Miller '83 writes, "I read *My Notorious Life*, by Kate Manning '79 and loved it. My freshman roommate, **Daniel Urbach**, is a family doctor in Seattle, and my friend, **Audrey French**, is a doctor of infectious disease, in Chicago. I feel it's impelling and compelling that so many Middlebury grads give back to the communities they live in, in such meaningful ways. So cheers to throwing my graduation cap into the air once again, postgraduation of 31 years or so, because of feeling that excellence through and through." • Check out a photo of a 1982 mini-reunion on page 75. *—Class Correspondents: Wendy Behringer Nelson (gomomgo@bellsouth.net); Caleb Rick (crick@northcommon.com).*

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Steve Genereaux writes, "My middle son, Caleb, is in the midst of the college exploration adventure. I'm still delivering babies and doing family medicine in Wells River, Vt. I'm trail running lots and on winter weekends coaching alpine skiing for the Burke Mountain Academy weekend program. My oldest, Liam, started at Emerson this fall. He spent last winter ski bumming at Alta. The youngest, Mairead, has equinitis—she talked us into not one, but two horses—steep learning curve." • **Rebecca Fox Nuelle** writes, "I had the great pleasure of attending a two-day workshop lead by Middlebury Professor of Dance Andrea Olsen and produced by Susan Prins '85. The workshop highlighted Andrea's new book, *The Place of Dance*, and was held in the Austin, Texas, studio of Beverly Bajema. Susan is featured in Andrea's book. Andrea, Susan, and I danced together in the Dance Company of Middlebury, 1982–1983, along with Adam Battelstein '85 and others from the classes of 1983–1985. My book, *Stewardship of the Body*, draws heavily from Andrea's book *Bodystories* and from her book *Body and Earth*. For an interesting history of dance at Middlebury, see *From Constraint to Celebration: 200 Years of Middlebury Dancing* by Andrew Wentink '70. I continue to explore the spiritual practice of contemplative movement, first introduced to me in the form of Authentic Movement by Andrea Olsen in 1982, her first year at Middlebury and my last. I am studying the Place of Dance with Susan Prins and Beverly Bajema in Beverly's studio in Austin every other Sunday afternoon." • **Jackie Vanacek** writes, "I spent nearly all of June in China speaking and guest lecturing at prominent universities and to young entrepreneurs. At the invitation of the mayor, I toured a new high-tech park in Shandong to discuss big data opportunities for economic development! It was great fun and while there, we visited the nearby birthplace of Confucius. It was very special, as I have a deep interest in Chinese cul-

ture. My hosts were so gracious to include the trip. I am featured on the cover of *Dalian,* China's high-tech magazine for my article on 'How the Cloud Can Power Entrepreneurship and Urbanization in China.' The original version of the article is in Chinese for senior policy officials and was shared with working staff of the State Council. It's reposted in English in my *Forbes* column. I love visiting China and have made some delightful new friends there!" • **Jeff Cummings** writes that he is living in Weston, Mass., and has opened a second dental office, NK Family Dentistry, named after his children, Nicholas and Katerina. "My practice is in Waltham and is focused on reconstructive and cosmetic where NK is more of a community resource, which gives me the opportunity to teach young dentists. Proud to say that my son at age 14 is better already than me at golf and my daughter is better than me at squash. My greatest enjoyment comes from playing these games with my kids." • **Carey Lennox** writes, "In May I went to Boston and stayed with **Ruth Kennedy** for a couple days. One afternoon we went to see **Amy Wilcox** and her family. They have a beautiful, historic farmhouse in Dover, outside Boston. We all had a great catch-up visit with them." • **Patrice Binaisa** writes that he got his first victory in his fourth Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu fight in his first year. It was also his first fight as a new member of the Checkmat team. Checkmat is also the team of the one and only Jackson Sousa of Brazil. Patrice was planning to compete in the U.S. Open Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament in October.

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Sally Burke McNamara sent this report about reunion: The Class of 1984 had a nice turnout for our 30th reunion. **Anne Hambleton** graciously invited anyone and everyone to her home for a bonfire Friday night, and many people gathered Saturday night under the tent. It was a beautiful night, the band was great, and we all enjoyed catching up. **Jason Bacon** and **Dave Torres** traveled the farthest, London and South Africa respectively, while those who are lucky enough to still live in Vermont (**Glenn** and **Cheryl Whitney Lower**, **Ian Martin**, **Martin Beatty**, **John Hamilton**, **Jenny Meigs**, **Will Porter**, **Leslie Baker-Brown**, **Mark Ray**, **Jim** and **Liz Hackett Robinson**, **Michaela Stickney**, **Jane Brayton Burchard**, **Dorothy van Gerbig**, and **Kevin D'Arcy**) were also in attendance. Kevin and **Brian O'Day** led a lovely memorial service early Saturday morning honoring those we have lost. Others registered and/or spotted were **Pat McCormick**, **Jeff Connolly**, **Rick Peterson**, **Henry LaBalme**, **JD Sullivan**, **Chris Wall**, **Jen Stone Potter**, **Ken Rapuano**, **Beth Reuman**, **Jen Pattee Schongalla**, **Bill Hathaway**, **Todd Hermanson**, **Jody Murray**, **Kathy Meek Lehner**, **Fran Mehen McCloskey**, **Tom Hedberg**, **Leslie Swanson**, **Robin Harris**, **Ellen Shammash**, **Mark Friedman**, **Tom Steinle**, **Scott Strother**, **Pete Tichansky**, **Karen Kaminsky**, **Tracy Weidman**, **MaryAnne Herlihy Ulian**, **Kim Wilson**, **Andy Zehner**, **Mason Wells**, **Doug Robotham**, **Pam Smarling**, **Margaret Clark**, **Andy Curtis**, **Gloria Maroti Frazee**, **Geoff Hale**, **Ham Hackney**, **Steve Moynahan**, **Ruthie Hill Klinck**, **Tom Knox**, **Tom Kottler**, **Phil Huffman**, **Dave Wagstaff**, **Clare Cushman**, **Layn Saint-Louis**, **Bart Lombardi**, **Julie Alden May**, **Katrina Scully Ohl**, **Alex Prud'homme**, and countless others. If you have any good stories about the weekend to add, please send them! It was awesome to see everyone, and hopefully we will all be back together in five short years for another memorable weekend at the college on the hill! • Meanwhile, we still need two classmates to take over as the class correspondents. Please let us know if you could do that!

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REUNION CLASS Greetings once again from **Ruth** and **Denah**, the "Lohmann Twins." The fall weather reminded us of when, 30 years ago, we would all head back to Middlebury. Yes, it really has been 30 years. Speaking of which, don't forget to put our 30th reunion on your calendar for June 5–7! • **Ruth** sent daughter Kelly off to Keene State College this fall as a freshman to study art and film. **Denah** sent daughter Jessica off to the Honors Program at the Univ. of Mass-Amherst to major in vocal performance and mathematics. • This past summer, I (**Ruth**) had the pleasure of running into **John** and **Mimi Harding Owen** at York Harbor Beach in Maine! Mimi and I had a great time reminiscing, sharing about our kids' lives, and watching our respective dogs play together on the beach! • **Wes Carrington** continues his very adventurous life as a U.S. diplomat. He writes, "I arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan, in September and will be posted here at the U.S. Embassy for the next year. As director of the strategic communications unit within the public affairs section, I'll be managing our portfolio of grants aimed at countering violent extremism and supporting other types of public diplomacy activities in Afghanistan. I won't be able to make it back to reunion this year but look forward to staying in touch any other way we can!" We couldn't help but notice that Wes's new Facebook profile photo is of him in a bulletproof vest! • We also heard from **Toni Mauck Butterfield** who, like Ruth, now lives with her family in New Hampshire. Toni has apparently become quite the runner! She writes, "I ran as part of a relay team in a race called Reach the Beach. We ran 208 miles in two days from Cannon Mountain in Franconia to Hampton Beach. I also ran the Burlington (Vt.) marathon last spring. Running is a newfound passion! I could barely run the covered bridge loop in college!" Toni also shared that this past summer, she and close friends **Laura Bull Bailey**, **Deb Tripp Budden**, **Deb Payne**, **Nancy Urner-Berry**, and **Jenny Karin Sidford** got together for what they called their "Midd goddess celebration!" • We also heard from **Shelagh Connor Shapiro**. Shelagh, who recently completed a monumental bicycling trip up the Eastern seaboard with her husband, just published a new book, *Shape of the Sky*. We Lohmann twins encourage all of our classmates to check out her new book—the cover is gorgeous (turning fall leaves in Vermont, perhaps?), and we are sure the story is wonderful. Congratulations Shelagh on your literary accomplishment! • In other book news, **Chris Santella** has another book out called *The Tug Is the Drug: 30 Fly-Fishing Essays from the New York Times and Beyond,* a compilation of his first-person accounts of the places he's traveled, the fish he has chased, and the characters he has met. • As always, we welcome updates from our Class of '85ers about how they are doing. Please stay in touch—now that most of us have turned the half-century point in our lives, it's wonderful to hear from our old college buddies. Contact us on Facebook or email us.

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Becky Spahr Frazier writes, "**Lisa Cheney Sullivan**, **Jennifer Blake**, **Kate Wallace Perrotta**, **Pam Grady MacMullen**, **Wendy Fisher Beach**, **Sue Whitty**, **Monica Carroll**, **Julie Morris Ogden**, **Sarah Christel Scully**, **Adrienne Dougherty Martin** (in absentia), and I celebrated turning 50 in Charlottesville, Va. We had a great time reminiscing about the Midd days, pouring over Polaroids courtesy of Pam, and sharing our present lives with one another. We visited Monticello, the Univ. of Virginia's campus, the Trump Winery, and Dave Matthew's Blenheim Winery. The wineries are a definite reason to visit, or better yet live in that beautiful area of Virginia." • **Lisa**, our incredible hostess, relocated to Charlottesville with husband **Chris Sullivan**, daughter Elaine, and son Teddy. They have adjusted incredibly well and their house is beautiful. Chris is working at UVA's Health Systems and Lisa is still working out of the home as operations director for the Relational Life Institute in Boston. • **Wendy** lives with her family at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vt. Her husband Bob is a fourth generation Beach and manages the resort. Wendy is a realtor with the Hearthside Group, but according to her, "Daughter Merle (16) and son Dan (11) are my best accomplishments!" • **Jennifer** successfully relocated to Salt Lake City with husband Ned and daughter McKenzie. She is the associate head of school at Rowland Hall School. • **Kate** lives with Paul '84 and her girls in Hamilton, Mass. She is an attorney for General Electric, where she has been in-house for

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DORCAS DENHARTOG WONSAVAGE

As a kid, Dorcas DenHartog Wonsavage wasn't that involved in sports. Her parents didn't want to be "pushy" so they let her find her own way in athletics. In high school she played field hockey and lacrosse, and her senior year she tried out for the Nordic ski team. Her races, she claims, were "laughable." So how, then, did she end up attending the Olympics three times as a cross-country skier?

When Dorcas got to Middlebury, she wanted to both run and ski cross-country but didn't know how she'd fare. Extremely well as it turns out: by her junior year, she'd been named an All-American for three years straight in running, and she was the first Middlebury student to become the women's NCAA Division III cross-country champion. Still, she didn't consider herself a runner—she decided to seriously pursue cross-country skiing.

After graduating, she began training in earnest: bike riding at 5:15 a.m. followed by single-scull workouts or two hours of running or roller skiing. Then, after working odd jobs all day, she'd train again from 5–7 p.m. She'd been put on the U.S. Ski Team's "Team '92"—preparing for the 1992 Olympics—but instead qualified for the 1988 games.

Once in Calgary, her coaches put her to the test, choosing her to lead out the 4x5 km relay. It was a canny move—the course almost immediately constricted into a bottleneck under a bridge and then moved steeply uphill. "The girl with no fast-twitch muscle," as she calls herself, Dorcas started out dead last, but she caught up to the pack at the bottleneck and, with energy to burn, wove her way up the hill to end up in the top five. Her team finished a stellar 8th place.

Dorcas went on to participate in the 1992 and 1994 Olympics. But her best finish occurred in the 1988 games when she came in 23rd in the women's 20km freestyle, earning her the best Nordic result for both the U.S. and Canadian teams.

These days she teaches English at Richmond Middle School in Hanover, N.H., where she once attended, and coaches cross-country running at Hanover High School. But she still continues to run and cross-country ski. For her, it's a lifestyle.

15 years. On the heels of our Charlottesville gathering, Kate spent an evening celebrating **Gary Domoracki**'s 50th along with **John Aicher** and **Tom Farrell**. There's a lot of 50 this year. • **Julie** is a seventh grade English teacher at the Pike School in Andover, Mass. Her Volvo broke down and needed rebuilding before returning north; she apparently didn't want to leave Lisa and Charlottesville! • **Sarah** has quite the envious life living in Jackson, Wyo. She was married to Jeff in 2010. They live with their two dogs and seem to be outside all the time. She works crazy hours in a local bakery, Wild Flour Bakery, but loves it. • **Pam** lives at the Taft School in Watertown, Conn. She is married to the head of the school, Willy MacMullen, and is also an English teacher, a fitness instructor, and a well-known face in the Taft community. Pam and Willy have two sons—John is a freshman at Brown and Tom is a junior at Taft. • **Sue** lives in New Haven, Conn., with husband Andrew Zehner '84 and three children, Emma (18), Nell (17), and Harry (14). Sue works at Yale Univ. and would love to hear from any classmates that visit New Haven on the college circuit. • **Adrienne** lives in Richmond with husband **Rob** and sons Shep and Lee. "Rob and I have really enjoyed reconnecting with **Lisa** and **Chris Sullivan** since they've become Virginians. We've also loved reconnecting with legendary Chinese dept. chairman John Berninghausen and his wonderful wife Alice, hosting them twice in Richmond over the last couple of years. We're hoping to visit them in Vermont soon!" • **Monica** lives in Middlebury and works at the College as the academic dept. coordinator for studio art and architectural studies, a job she loves. Work involves anything from changing a scroll-saw blade in the studio to hosting world-renowned artists and architects through the Cameron Visiting Artist/Architect Program—never a dull moment, plus the fun of getting to work with very talented students. Luck has it that her daughter Jane '15 happens to be completing a double major in both of those subjects, so daughter sightings are frequent. Son Shaw (19) started at Bard College in the fall and is playing soccer. Son Duncan (15) played varsity soccer for Middlebury Union High School in the fall. When not at work or photographing soccer matches, Monica is in the studio working towards her MFA, or exploring the many ways one can enjoy the Lake Champlain region via foot, bike, skis, or skates. • **Steve Bensen** is an associate professor of medicine at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine and a physician at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, specializing in gastroenterology and hematology. The August School of Medicine newsletter reports that Steve spent two months in Rwanda as the first gastroenterologist to participate in the Human Resources for Health program. Steve divided his time between two hospitals. "Armed with hundreds of donated endoscopic devices, Steve's goals were to teach physicians, residents, and interns to perform simple GI procedures and to show hospital managers the importance of providing these devices. His hands-on teaching sessions and lectures drew crowds of medical students and residents. To augment those sessions, he introduced interns and residents to 'GI Bleeding Jeopardy!'—none of them had heard of *Jeopardy!*, nor were they familiar

with television game shows, but they liked the new format and interactive learning style." Steve has been invited to return for three months next spring, and he will be taking three trainees and a GI fellow with him. Steve was quoted in the article. "I wish I'd been able to do something like this sooner," he says. "This experience has been inspiring and it makes you reflect on why you went into medicine—you come away from it feeling like you've really done some good." • We'd like to thank **Ann Albern Olmsted**, who is stepping down as a class correspondent, for all her help over the past few years!

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87 **John Castle** returned to his roots when he was hired as the superintendent of the North Country Supervisory Union in Newport, Vt., this year. John grew up in Holland, Vt., and attended North Country Union High School before attending Middlebury. • **Greg** and **Amy Beckwith Lupica**'s son William began as a Middlebury freshman in the fall. William was a winner of an AbbVie CF scholarship. • **Rick Holzman** was promoted to Animal Planet general manager and EVP. He oversees strategy and all day-to-day operations. • **Steve Baker** has been promoted to executive director at Cushman & Wakefield. He's been a commercial broker with them since 1988. • **Kymberly Pinder**, who is dean of the Univ. of New Mexico College of Fine Arts, is taking on the directorship of the university's art museum for two years. • "Aloha, everyone!" writes **Lisa Preston**. "I'm in year 24 at 'Iolani School in Honolulu, teaching Spanish full time now that our school has phased out Russian. My daughter graduated in June after 13 years there and is now a business major at the Univ. of Hawai'i. To celebrate her graduation we spent two weeks in the Maldives and had amazing adventures there. I get back to New England every summer and would love to see any of you who might be in the area." • Kirkus Reviews calls **Tim Weed**'s first novel, *Will Poole's Island*, "a riveting portrayal of early colonial New England." You can read about the novel and Tim's day job as a featured expert for National Geographic Expeditions in Cuba, Spain, and Patagonia at his site, timweed.net. Tim also shares the good news that daughter Roo is starting at Middlebury as a Feb this year. • **Tammie Worthington-Witczak** has begun a new job as the director of the Wheaton Fund at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. "It's fascinating to be at a small liberal arts institution facing a rapidly changing environment," says Tammie. "I am ever grateful for my education. Remembering my brush with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Middlebury, I just bought a ticket to hear him speak in Boston. I'm mindfully approaching the next milestone birthday. Anyone else agree it's not as big a deal as you used to think it would be? All best wishes to everybody!" • **Kate Felstiner Lowe** participated in her seventh group show at the Royal College of Art in London, where she and her family live. "My second career as a painter continues to challenge and engage me," writes Kate. "I made it through to the finals for a BBC show about amateur painters earlier this year and am now busy at Central St Martin's Art School doing a course in advanced oil painting. Any Midd alums passing through London—who like art—feel free to get in touch. This town has *so* much great art happening!" • **Robert Post**, a public affairs officer with the U.S. Department of State, was recently posted to Dakar, Senegal. He had been headquartered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he saw a lot of **Jeff Hanson**, who is serving as the country director for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Jeff and a 10-person team recently moved to Mali, to coordinate Ebola response there. We wish our classmates well in their challenging and important work. • **Lili Dyer** has joined the faculty at the Gunnery in Washington, Conn. "I am teaching various levels of French and English as a second language. My husband also works there, in the English department. Our kids are growing fast and are in second and fifth grades." • Congratulations to **Dorcas DenHartog Wonsavage**, who was inducted into the new Athletics Hall of Fame at Middlebury as part of the grand opening of the new field house. See page 80 for more!

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mentum building, please reach out and share your stories and news soon—and often! Starting with the next issue, Melanie Friedlander will graciously assume the duty as correspondent for our class notes section. After four years I am passing the baton and saying "thanks!" to all—our class is a true pleasure. • Check out a photo of a group of classmates on page 66.
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REUNION CLASS Kent Anderson, a professor of law, has been appointed deputy vice-chancellor (community and engagement) at the Univ. of Western Australia, in Perth. In addition to the U.S., Kent has studied in Japan and the UK, specializing in law, politics, economics, and Asian studies. Kent is fluent in Japanese and has been a visiting professor at Waseda, Nagoya, Kyushu, Doshisha, Ritsumeikan, and Chuo Universities in Japan. He most recently held the position of pro vice-chancellor (international) at the Univ. of Adelaide and professor of law in the Adelaide Law School. As deputy vice-chancellor, Kent will lead UWA's engagement with the wider community. • Several DUs gathered on June 28 at Jim Quirk's home in Holmdel, N.J., for a warm-up to our 25-year reunion. Jim and wife Anissa were as usual incredibly gracious hosts. Coming out to play were Pat Aylmer, Gregg Beloff, Tim Berry, Tom Bredahl, Tucker Cavanaugh, Geoff Garfield, Mike Gill, Pat Mancuso, Doug Meyer, Bob Popeo, Dan Romani, Ross Smith, Tim Soos, John Spellane, Carl Trotto, and Parker Vaughey. Here are updates on some of the partygoers. • Tim Berry is the chief of staff for the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R) of California. Tim and wife Lisa have three children, Ella (12), Christopher (7), and Maeve (7), and live in Chevy Chase, Md. • John Spellane lives in Old Greenwich, Conn., with wife Kim and sons Tucker (16) and Spencer (12). He is the senior market manager for Unum New York and has been with the company over 24 years. • Pat Mancuso is living in Sterling, Va., with wife Megan and sons Max (13) and Jack (12). He's a financial solutions manager for NetApp. • Geoff Garfield lives in Darien, Conn., with wife Katie and kids Jack (18), Hallie (16), Marley (13), and Fiona (8). He is a new business developer at Altium Wealth Management in Purchase, N.Y. For those of you on Twitter, follow Geoff at @ggrfld. • Tom Bredahl also lives in Darien, Conn. He and wife Elizabeth have four children: Jane (16), Peter (13), Owen (10), and John (8). Tom is the chief underwriter for First Mercury, still runs a 4.4 40-yard dash, and now bench presses 350 pounds. • Tim Soos is living in Boston and is a scientist with Sanofi-Aventis, focused on food allergies. • Pat Aylmer is living in Topsfield, Mass., with his wife Elizabeth and sons Jack (16) and Patrick Jr. (14), both gridiron stars at Masconomet Regional High School. He is an executive VP at the Kessler Group. • Tucker Cavanaugh and wife Katharine are living in Redding, Conn., with kids Graham (21), Jake (16), and Hannah (15). • Mike Gill lives in Duxbury, Mass., with wife Marie and kids Emma (16), Sarah (15), Matthew (13), and Alexandra (12). He is the founder and managing partner of the law firm Gill Devine, P.C., which specializes in real estate law and has offices in Boston, Braintree, and Hyannis.
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Karen Hamad, who is serving as the chief of staff elect for Sarasota (Fla.) Memorial Hospital and will be the acting chief of staff as of this coming November 1, writes, "We are a large, nonprofit community hospital with a medical staff of over 800 physicians. I have been living in Sarasota for the last 12 years with husband Jon and my daughters Lauren (13) and Sage (11). I continue to practice both internal medicine and pediatrics full time." • Daanish Mustafa writes, "I am a reader in politics and environment in the Dept. of Geography, King's College London. My reading prowess is noted annually by a paying audience." • Monica Cable teaches anthropology and Asian studies at Franklin & Marshall College, as well as advises students applying for fellowships like the Fulbright (among others). She is still "collecting" countries and travels every chance she gets. • Lucy Randolph Liddell writes, "Bud '90 and I took a wonderful trip to Alaska in June with our kids, with a trip to Denali being the highlight. In August we went on vacation with friends near Deer Isle, Maine, including Ashley Ransom '87. I stay home with our boys Davis (14) and Matt (11) and, when not volunteering at their school, I enjoy playing tennis." • Corey Davis recently joined Canaccord Genuity as a managing director covering specialty pharmaceuticals, with a focus in certain therapeutics areas within the biotech sector. He has over 16 years of sell-side experience covering specialty pharmaceuticals companies, most of those years at JPMorgan and Jefferies. • Marika Holmgren, Deirdre McGuire Nonaka, Meghan Schwartz, and Lara Guille Otte had a get-together in San Francisco to catch up. Marika recently rebranded and relaunched her event production firm. After 15 years serving the Bay Area's progressive nonprofits, Organic Events is now Do Good Events (dogoodevents.org). • Check out a couple of photos of classmates on pages 78 and 87.
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Susan Gurney Rose writes, "I was remarried in August of 2011 to Eben Rose and now have two stepchildren in college. Nathan is going to Middlebury in February! Katie is at Southern Utah Univ. My son Kyle is 13 and loving school and especially lacrosse. I retired from teaching (AP biology, biology and chemistry) at the high school level after 23 years. Too many bosses and meetings and I was too stressed and not having enough fun. We are now turning all our time and energy to expanding our tile-cleaning business that I have been running part time for seven years. We specialize in tile cleaning and repair and are the first company of its kind in Maine. My goal is to have more time for my family, sailing, and skiing. I am proud to be living in South Portland, Maine, where we just passed an ordinance to ban the flow of tar sands through our port. This prevents (for now) the reversal of the existing Canadian pipeline to bring this toxic sludge through our state and past Sebago Lake, which is our water supply. If you are in the area, look up Southern Maine Tile and Grout Cleaning and we can go for a sail." • Chris and Sherry Pelkey Roper are still living outside of Richmond, Va., with their two boys, Nate (13) and Ben (10), and their menagerie of furry pets. Chris enjoys working for Academic Travel Abroad in Washington, D.C. That role gave their family the opportunity to travel to Ethiopia this past year, and Chris had a lovely, though rainy, trip to Finland this past summer. Sherry enjoys her role running a brand newsroom that focuses on content development and social media strategy for Capital One's small business lines. "We were delighted to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of our wedding in Mead Chapel on September 19." • Bill Tice is living in Austin, Texas, and recently started a new job with Vida Capital as senior managing director, head of marketing and investor relations. On September 20 he married Erin Donahue in East Hampton, N.Y. • Check out a photo of some classmates on page 85.
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Angel Diaz writes, "Cortney Davila, MA Spanish '12, and I welcomed daughter Luciana Maria on September 10, 2013, and we're already planning for her Midd education!"
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Lesley Tomion and Jeff Inglis '95 were married in Middlebury (overlooking Otter Creek Falls!) last February. They live in Boston, where Lesley recently started her 17th year of teaching in the Brookline public schools, and Jeff works for a public interest group think tank. They weren't able to make it to Middlebury for reunion in June but make a point of staying in touch with Midd friends near and far. • Heather Dorf Rawlings writes, "Apparently I helped my orthopedic surgeon with a down payment on a new boat last spring, having a complicated hip surgery that caused me to miss reunion. However, he assured me that I would be back on skis and back playing hockey this winter. If anyone ends up

in Vail this winter, give me a call (970.471.3673). I would love the excuse to sneak out of my office and take some turns with you!" • **Lori Frohlich Cooper** writes, "My family moved from Bethesda, Md., to Westchester, N.Y., this past summer. I'm happy to be back on my home turf, but I miss my D.C.-area Midd friends already!" • **Robert Schlesinger** is still running the opinion section at *U.S. News & World Report* (www.usnews.com), where he is pleased to regularly run contributions from **Jean Hudson Card** and poli-sci professor Matthew Dickinson.

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REUNION CLASS Can you believe we graduated nearly 20 years ago? Seems like just yesterday we were roaming around Proctor looking for a place to sit and playing Frisbee golf on Battell Field. Keep your memories and news coming! We love to hear from you. • **JP Watson** and **Emily Aikenhead Hannon** have loved being your class correspondents for the past 10 years. Now it is time to pass the torch. If you are interested in keeping the good times going, please let JP or Emily know! It is a ton of fun to keep up with our classmates. • **Janine Hetherington** sends a great update: "I left a great position in development at Rochester Polytechnic Institute for an even better one (much, much closer to home) at Williams College. In March I began my tenure as the new director of leadership giving and have been thoroughly enjoying being a part of the college community. My husband, Ben, and I spent a fantastic week in San Francisco last spring with **Maya VanPutten**, Duffy Thompson '94, and daughter Clea. While we were there we visited with Lori Varsames '96, her fiancé, John, and Bradley Brown '87, winemaker extraordinaire, at Big Basin Vineyard in Boulder Creek, Calif. Bradley makes the most incredible wines! In August, I caught up with **Karl Pelletier** in Longmont, Colo., and we enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of *nos amis* Marijke Unger, MA French '94 and husband Eric. Before I left Colorado, I spent some time playing with sweet baby James and catching up with his dad, Greg Fisher '93. On the last leg of that particular trip, I enjoyed lunch with a beautiful friend, Rudi Karastoyanova Dubois '97 in NYC. Finally, all five of our boys are back in the Williamstown public schools (grades 2–7) and thriving. Our oldest, James, just started running cross-country. As a longtime runner I couldn't be more proud! We are all excited to spend time in Middlebury over Reunion Weekend. Here are a few of my favorite memories from Midd: Coach Martin Beatty '84 putting up with our antics on the track team spring-training trips to Florida and California; the Witches Halloween Party with **Bex (Rebecca) Plona**, **Terra Reilly**, and **Bert (Roberta) Stewart**; all-campus capture-the-flag games just before midnight breakfast at Proctor during finals; Heaven and Hell parties in Allen and around-the-world parties in Battell freshman year; hauling crates of lobsters up to Lake Pleiad for a lobster boil and Ben & Jerry's feast." • To stir up more memories, **JP** adds some of his own: Jamming out to Moon Boot Lover in McCullough during senior week and then heading out for the Pub Crawl, with drinks paid for by **Damien Saccani** and **Dan Richards**. • Be sure to check out the In the Queue section for a review of **Banker White**'s documentary, *The Genius of Marian.*

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Craig Stouffer writes, "After a decade as a sportswriter covering soccer and other sports, I've moved to the other side of the fence and am now the director of communications for D.C. United. It's been a great year for soccer in the nation's capital, which had the highest TV ratings in the country during the 2014 World Cup. If any Midd alums want to come see a game, please let me know."

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Anita Chavez-Berry writes, "Hoshi Maria Berry was born on April 6, 2014, at Hoshigaoka Maternity Hospital in Nagoya, Japan. She'll be mastering chopsticks in no time." • **AJ Husband** and **Jeff Sengle** are working together for the second time as Secret Service agents. Says AJ, "We've come a long way since freshman year in Stewart!" • **Elizabeth Cassidy** made a rare Boston appearance for work in September. She continues to work for Driehaus, a mutual fund company, in Chicago. • **Adam Burns** also made a surprise trip to Cambridge, Mass., in September. He had recently been at the Telluride Film Festival, has been competing in triathlons, and is still living in San Francisco and working as a clerk for a federal judge. • **Lina Engelhart** is completing a master's in education in ESL from the College of New Jersey. She teaches middle school English at the International School of Curaçao. She welcomes all visitors to Curaçao. • **Hedda Berntsen** writes, "I just started my PhD in sports psychology at the Norwegian School of Sports Sciences, and I love it so far." She was looking forward to meeting up with **Caiti Higgins** for New Year's in Innsbruck, Austria. • **Malaya Rivera-Drew** continues to have a successful career as an actress and was recently on the FX series *Married*, playing Judy Greer's best friend. • **Cameron Petke** found out in September that he had been chosen as one of 50 finalists in ceramics for the 2014 Martha Stewart American Made Award. He continues to make wheel-thrown ceramic temple bells in his Baked Clay Studio and regularly shows his work in the D.C./Baltimore/Frederick area. He's also an adjunct professor at Loyola Univ. and Hood College. • Congratulations to **Heidi Howard Allen**, who was inducted into the new Athletics Hall of Fame at Middlebury as part of the grand opening of the new field house.

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REUNION CLASS **Phoebe Chase** and C. David Ramsey '02 were married July 5, 2014, in Mead Chapel and celebrated with a crowd that included 20 other Midd alums. The reception was a true Midd affair with beer provided by Rising Tide Brewing Company, co-owned by Heather Thompson Sanborn '97, and music provided by the Grift. • **Rosa Maria Rogers Maloney** writes, "Along with enjoying family life and taking care of two energetic children, I launched a small business selling my own handmade, designer gifts and accessories for women and children (www.mimandrose.com). I'm having a great time designing and developing products that are practical, yet stylish!" • **Dave Philipps**, who won a Pulitzer in April for his series *Other Than Honorable*, left the Colorado Springs *Gazette* in June to take a job at the *New York Times.*

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Middlebury College Alumni Association

2015 NOMINATIONS

Alumni Trustee

Henry Simonds '97

The full slate of nominees for the term of office beginning July 1, 2015, will be available for viewing on March 1, 2015, and voting on April 1, 2015. The deadline for voting is April 30, 2015. Please vote at **go.middlebury.edu/mcaa**.

To appear in the online spring ballot, additional nominations must be received by **March 1, 2015**. These nominations must include a signed letter of acceptance, updated biographical information, a photo, and 200 alumni signatures endorsing your nomination.

For a paper ballot, more information, or to submit nominees, please contact: The Alumni Office, 700 Exchange Street, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753 or email us at alumni@middlebury.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

Reunion 2015 will be June 5–7!

ClassActs

01 **Adil Husain** reports, "I spent most of the summer in NYC as usual with my wife and two little girls, who were attending Ballet Academy East. We spent a lot of time with **Henry Flores** and partner Veronica Learner, and with James Meader '02 and his family. We also got to see **Peter Dixon** and his family, including a brand-new baby boy, as well as **Andrew Baron**, who was passing through town after a marathon cross-country road trip. We watched World Cup matches with **Sumit Choudhury** and had a rare sighting of Dr. Peter Mancini '02. More recently I was glad to host **Peter Nestor** as he was passing through Shanghai, and I'm looking forward to seeing more of him since he's now involved with projects in China. I'm also looking to hire more Midd Kids at Emerging Strategy in Shanghai, so if anyone has leads or interest, feel free to connect." • **Becky Ruby Swansburg** was appointed to the board of directors for the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, whose mission is to serve as the representative voice of the organized American Jewish community. (She says, "A special thanks to Middlebury Hillel for giving me a great start in Jewish leadership!") • **Kelly Knapp Schroeter** and husband Frank welcomed daughter Lila Frances Schroeter on June 14, 2014. She is a true joy! Lila has already met several Midd Kids, including **Jean Burr** and **John Colianni** and their two sons, **Kate Wright Kelly** and her two daughters, and **Andrew Snow**. • **Lindsay Frost-Bhasin**, her husband Sam, and big brother Dhru welcomed Dhillon Reed Bhasin on February 6, 2014. • **Tejas Parikh** and wife Dana are living in Charlotte, N.C. They are both practicing physical medicine and rehabilitation. Tejas is a partner with Carolina Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Gastonia, N.C. "We are loving Charlotte and are looking to purchase a home. Feel free to contact us if any of you are in Charlotte!"

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02 **Ali Connolly** has been living in Denver, Colo., for three years now and is currently working for 3d Lacrosse, as their national director of girls lacrosse, and traveling coast to coast. She was hoping for a big ski season so she could get in a ton of days! She says come visit anytime. She's in a group ski house and there is always room on the couch.

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03 **Laura Erickson-Schroth** edited *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*, which was published in June. The book was written by and for transgender people, with chapters and personal stories on a wide range of issues affecting their lives. It is also a great resource for parents, friends, partners, and anyone else interested in learning more about transgender life. Dena Simmons '05 is a board member for the nonprofit organization with the same name, the goal of which is to raise funds to distribute the book to organizations that could not afford to purchase it. • **Elizabeth Del Rosario-Baker**, children Noah (4) and Sol (10 mos.), and husband Dion moved to North Carolina two years ago and are enjoying the Southern life. Eli, a work-at-home artist who "paints people," recently started homeschooling her son and is enjoying the beginning of this adventure. If there are any Midd Kids in North Carolina, she would love to meet up for some limeade because she hasn't yet mastered sweet tea.

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04 **Donald Anselmi** sent this update: "It was a wonderful summer. It was my first summer off in a while since graduating from the Middlebury Spanish graduate program in 2013. I spent June here at Berkshire School, where wife Dana (Chapin) '02 and I did some rearranging in the apartment, attended my 10th-year reunion at Middlebury, and caught up with college friends and family in New England. We are both in our 11th year in education, and we love Berkshire. Dana works in admissions, and I teach Spanish along with being the director of student activities. In July, I took eight students to Argentina for a language and cultural immersion trip. We spent the majority of our time in Bariloche (northern Patagonia), where the students spent the morning in school and in the afternoons we went on excursions. It was a great trip and I hope to try to continue it here at Berkshire. In August, we finished up our summer in Wyoming, where we caught up with my family and recharged up in the mountains. On the way back, we caught up with friends from both Woodberry and Middlebury in Kentucky and Maryland." • **Becky Potts** writes that she married Jaime Aguirre on June 9, 2013, in Litchfield, Conn., and they moved to Prague to work in July 2014 after looking for jobs in Europe for a while. They had visited Europe on their honeymoon and loved it so a bit of wanderlust is involved in the move as well as work!

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05 **REUNION CLASS** In July **Tina Velez** married Greg Cajigas in Villa Barone in the Bronx, New York. **Alicia Hernandez**, **Christina Tolbert**, **Erin Amico**, and **Dena Simmons** were in attendance, dancing all through the night like they did during McCullough parties. **Tina** is still working in education and serving children of the Bronx. **Alicia** works at Bronx Community College as an academic adviser in the nursing and allied health sciences dept. **Erin** recently started a new role as an account director at Lipman Hearne in Chicago. **Christina** is in her second year of residency in psychiatry at the Medical Univ. of South Carolina. **Dena** graduated in May with her doctorate from Columbia Univ. Teachers College and was selected as her program's most outstanding scholar. She now serves as the associate director of school initiatives at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. • **André Estanislao** continues to spread the love as third secretary and vice consul of the Philippine Embassy in Paris, heading the Chancery and promoting Philippine culture and the arts. • **Carmen Granda** is a lecturer of Spanish at Amherst College and is in the final stages of completing her dissertation on Cervantes's *Don Quixote*. • **Alex Barrett** lives in Simsbury, Conn., where his wife, Whitney, teaches high school art and English. They have a 17-month-old son named Rowan. Alex has been working as the forest manager of the Yale School forests for a little over two years now and has had a great time reconnecting with the Middlebury folks who find themselves at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. • **Jay Harbison** writes, "I graduated from the Univ. of Tennessee College of Law and am spending this year as a clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in my hometown of Nashville. I also got married to a wonderful Southern gal, Jesse Ford, and had a blast celebrating with many of my fellow Middlebury classmates." • Be sure to put our reunion on your calendar—June 5–7!

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06 We believe it may have been Kinky Friedman who said, and we're paraphrasing, that a happy college career is the worst possible preparation for life. The assumption being that after leaving the security, stability, and friendships of academia behind, many feel directionless, lonely, stifled by the weight of adulthood. Well, dear Panthers, we're happy to report that many of our classmates continue to prove dear Kinky wrong, for as we leave our 20s behind and stand at the precipice of the next decade, our successes, both personal and professional, continue to know no limits. • The ever impressive and brilliant **Emily McNeil Moylan** finished grad school at UC Berkeley two weeks shy of her 30th birthday. In July, she moved to Sydney with her husband Andrew, where she is a postdoc in transportation engineering at the Univ. of New South Wales. The trip from California to Sydney went the long way around, so Emily had a chance to catch up with **Michele Bergofsky Hornok** and **Janie Mackey Foster** in Boston and **Michael Jou** in Berlin. The Moylans are planning to be in Sydney for the long term, and they love visitors. • **Nate Edmunds** and wife Jenna have settled in Seattle and Nate is teaching and coaching at the Overlake School. The two of them took a cross-country road trip in advance of the move, stopping to see a

few old classmates, including, among others, a pop-in up north in Minnesota with **Ari** and **Lily Knopman Beilin**. • On the romance side, '06 continues to put a beat down on true love—so many weddings and meet-cutes it would make Nicholas Sparks blush. You don't believe us? Well, how about **Jenna Boyle** marrying Kevin Ara in NYC? **Liz Campbell**, **Remy Mansfield**, **Chris Cadwell**, **Lucy Chapin**, **Beth Schmidt**, **Kate Horvitz**, **Annie Stamell**, and others were in attendance. • One more? Okay, let's check out **Laura McMahon**'s wedding with Chris Bordoni in Chicago, where **Annie Stamell**, **Ed** and **Emily Egan Allen**, **Georgia Jolink**, **Virginia Harr**, **Ali Golden**, **Zach Snyder**, and more celebrated with the happy couple. • Okay fine, one more Midd v. Midd wedding. **Kelly Boyle** married **Daryl Etter** in Colorado in another large Middlebury wedding/reunion all rolled into one. In attendance were **David** and **Grace Kronenberg Coriell**, **Jess Van Wagenen O'Rielly**, **Mike Emery**, **Deborah Tennen**, **John Stewart**, **Elena Kennedy**, **Calvin Garner**, **Clark** and Amy McCowan '08 **Smith**, **Katie Clagett**, **Elise Burditt**, **Lelia Yerxa**, and Blair Hewes '07. • Two former Ride Mod roommates **Alex Casnocha** and **Ian Duffy** recently moved to our nation's capital and reports from the scene say the two former roommates have taken to sunset jogs around the Mall.

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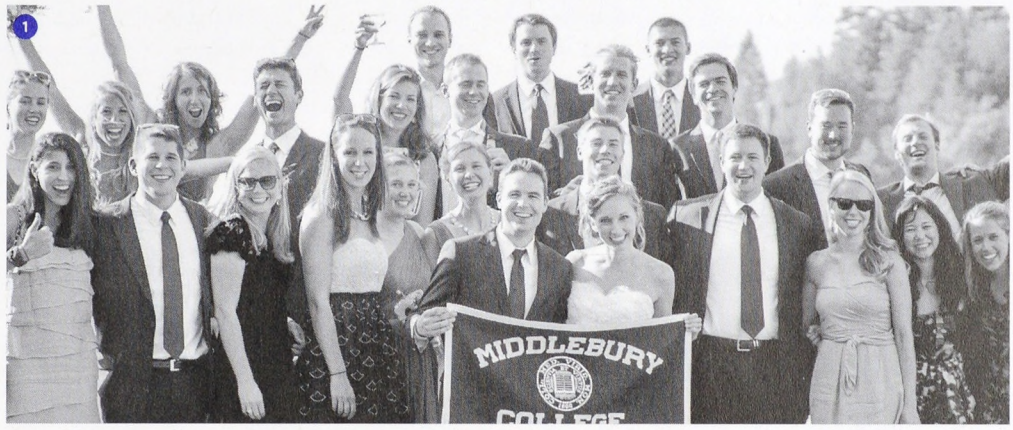
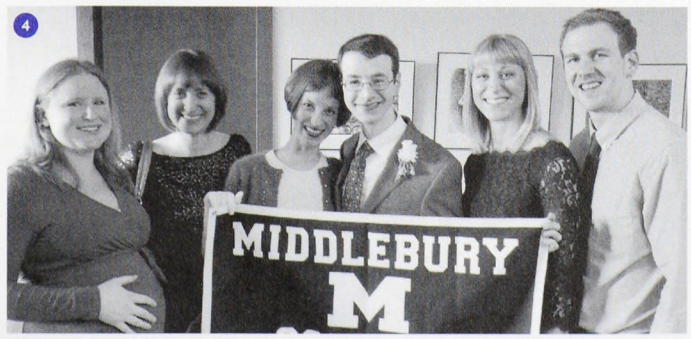
After working in TV since graduation, **Caryn LoCastro** recently left her role as director of marketing at AMC Networks to join Google's advertising sales team. She's now developing marketing insights and strategies for Google/YouTube brand partners in the consumer packaged-goods industry, while enjoying life in NYC with husband Michael Ratpojanakul '06, their goldendoodle puppy Porter (named after Porter House!), and a great circle of Midd Kids—many of whom are alum couples themselves, which keeps her wondering if the Middlebury marriage statistic is true after all. • After a year of "pop-ups," **Mary Ting Hyatt** opened a handmade bagel shop—Bagelsaurus—in Cambridge, Mass., this fall. She's offering nine-plus bagel options, tasty spreads, and a small sandwich and sweets selection. Middlebury Bagel was one of her many inspirations. Come visit! • **Pascal Losambe** got married in March 2012 and had a beautiful baby girl in May 2014. He is working at Collegiate School in Richmond, Va., teaching biology and coaching track and field, which he enjoys very much! • **Melki Ko** is a founding team member of a Boston start-up called CO Everywhere, after he spent a few years in finance. He oversees business development and strategy of the company. Since the inception, the company has raised a series of financ-



1 At Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, Vt., Mallory Hicks '08 and Drew Walker '08 were married on September 1, 2013, with many Midd friends celebrating with the couple (in front): (all '08 unless noted) Melissa Cassis, Andy Mittelman, Laura Lee, Libby Marks, Amy Berkman, Chrissy Fulton, Joel Simpson, Matt Boucher, AnnMarie Wesolowski, Kara Muraki, Michelle Cady, (second row) Ceara Danaher, Anna Chavis, Marnie Rowe Potish, Rob Potish, Dale Freundlich Scott '10, Justin Scott, Patrick Cunningham, Patch Culbertson, Jeff Boyd, Rowan Morris, (third row) Peter Mueller, Ben Hanna, and Blake Nguyen. 2 Nico Kieves '02 married Kris Wyrobek at their home in Minneapolis, Minn., on August 10, 2013, with Midd family and friends attending: (all '02 unless noted) Kelly Hase Elliott '00, Kevin King, Lisa McAndrews, the newlyweds, Nina Kieves Ward, Catherine Elkins, (second row) Greg Woo, Chris Loeffler '04, Heidi Rothrock Loeffler, and Patrick Ward. 3 Shawn Emory Ankeny '92, Timiny Rankin Braemer '92, and Robin Madsen '90 met up for a ski weekend in Whistler.



4 Anne DeWitt '02 and Andrew Goldstone were married in Princeton, N.J., on March 23, 2013. Middlebury friends and family who helped celebrate were Sara Garland '02, Bethany Mabee '02, the newlyweds, Lizzy DeWitt '04, and Jason Korsmeyer '05. 5 When Rachel Rosenfeld '07, who works at the World Bank in D.C., visited Kabul, Afghanistan, she had a mini-reunion with Aman Farahi '10, who was working at the World Bank in Kabul.

ing from angel investors and venture capitalists. Dallas Mavericks owner, Mark Cuban, serves on the advisory board. The Middlebury community has been super helpful and has played a key part thus far in fundraising and business development.

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Sarah Carnabuci is living in NYC, working for Carolina Herrera, where she oversees their marketing. In her spare time, she goes running and she trained for the NYC Marathon. • **Lathan McCall** married Caroline Pappas on March 29 at the Green Building in Brooklyn, N.Y. Congrats! • In 2014, **Marcus Bellows** earned his MBA from the Univ. of Chicago Booth School of Business and **Amanda (Brickell)** returned from a U.S. Department of State-sponsored seven-month archival research trip to St. Petersburg and Moscow. They are now living in NYC; Marcus works in restructuring at investment bank Houlihan Lokey and Amanda is writing her dissertation on Russian and American history. • **Tugce Erten** is at the Yale School of Management with **Scott Greene.** They had an epic case competition at USC this past year. Additionally, Tugce traveled to Rio's *Carnaval* last year and learned how to dance samba. • **Jennifer Henderson** is enjoying her return to the East Coast from Chicago! She's attending business school in Boston and looks forward to many weekend trips to Vermont. • **Laura Lee** has also moved to Boston from Chicago. After three years of practicing law in Chicago, she is now a business litigator in Boston. • **Emiko Neithercut** graduated from the Ross School of Business at the Univ. of Michigan with her MBA. She then traveled for 10 weeks in Asia and Africa, before moving to Minneapolis, Minn. Emi is now working in brand management at General Mills. • **Joe Swensson** moved out to Denver to start grad school at the Daniels College of Business at the Univ. of Denver. He is going for a master's in real estate and construction management. Joe will also be the graduate assistant manager of the university ski team. • **Audrey Nelson** and **Dave Campbell** are living in Potrero, Costa Rica, while Dave runs his clothing and media company, Another Best Day, builds websites on contract, and teaches seventh grade English language arts at La Paz Community School, which is the same school where Audrey is teaching fourth and fifth grade English. Having moved there from Vermont, it has been quite a change as they have exchanged their skis for surfboards; Vermont cheeses, meats, and veggies for an array of rice, beans, and tropical fruits; and their down jackets for board shorts and Dri-Fit everything! This past summer Audrey and Dave had the chance to attend a few Middlebury weddings, including **Rory Sanborn** and wife Greta, as well as David Dolginow '09 and Amanda Warren '11 and they saw a TON of Midd Kids at both. They also attended the wedding of **Nathaan Demers** and **Dorothy Muirhead** in Crested Butte. • In the middle of October **Kira Tenney** embarked on an eight-month expedition through Africa, Patagonia, and the Himalayas. Her group planned to start out in Zambia and Uganda and kayak the Zambezi River before going on a safari in the Okavango Delta in Botswana. In January they were planning to fly to Chile, where they would paddle from the source of the Rio Baker to the sea. In late March they plan to fly to Lhasa, Tibet, to carry out an expedition in the Himalayas on the Karnali River. • We love hearing from you! Please share your updates with **Laura** and **Michelle**.

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We hope you had very happy holidays! We have a West Coast update from our classmates in sunny Southern California. **Will Damron** is pursuing the film/TV business as an actor and working consistently as an audiobook narrator. You can find the titles he has done by visiting his website: www.willdamron.com. He's also working on publishing his first novel, a kids' fantasy-adventure set in Scotland. • Also a part of the California contingent is **Alex Benepe**, who recently moved to the L.A. area and is running U.S. Quidditch full time. **Jimmy Wong** and **Adam Levine** are also a part of the gang. Jimmy recently finished shooting the final season of *Video Game High School* and has been in several TV shows and movies since moving to L.A., such as *John Dies at the End* and Conan O'Brien. He was nominated for Best Actor in a Comedy in the Streamy Awards for his work in *Video Game High School* and he is currently working with RocketJump studios, which was named one of Hollywood's Top 10 Innovative Companies. Adam is also keeping it creative and plays the jazz piano at a downtown speakeasy. Adam and Jimmy performed together at VidCon for an audience of over 4,000! The Southern Californians also report hanging out with **Sage Sipchen**, **Samantha Pack**, and **Jared Rosenberg**. • Our class has talent on the East Coast as well. **Emily Kron** has been doing film and theater in NYC. She's been starring in her own cabaret (called "Emily Kron: Canvas") at renowned venues in the city. "Emily Kron: Canvas" is coproduced with classmate **Claire Graves**. Emily recently performed as Little Red in *Into the Woods* for the Northern Stage in White River Junction, Vt. • **Adam Irish** decided to pursue antiques full time several years ago after many years of collecting and dealing on the side (e.g. Cook Commons was kind enough to lend a closet in Forest for his business when he was at Middlebury). He opened a store, Old as Adam, in Portsmouth, N.H., in 2012. His taste is eclectic and he is drawn to pieces with visual and narrative potency, especially folk art, architectural salvage, early advertising, and oddities. Although he deals in antiques big and small, he specializes in vintage haberdashery, dealing in menswear from the 18th century through the 1960s, with clients in fashion design and the international collector market. Learn more about his shop at oldasadam.com. • **Mike Tierney** is finishing up his last year at Boston College Law School. He will be practicing corporate and environmental law in some capacity, although the details are still being worked out. Mike lives in Boston. • Congratulations to **Ryan Kellett**, who has been named the audience and engagement editor at the *Washington Post.* He's been at the *Post* for four years. • **Israel Catz** (formerly **Israel Carr**) and wife Stephanie started the year with the birth of their second daughter, Avia Arindrana Catz '32. Her older sister, Rosella Milagros Avialoha Catz, '30.5, is a great big sister. • **Halley Ostergard** married Chad Kruse on August 16. Halley and Chad were delighted to have Ali Glassie '08, Emily Gullickson '10, and Stephanie Astaphan '10 as bridesmaids. The ceremony took place at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln, Neb. Halley recently passed the Nebraska bar and is working as a law clerk for the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. • We are saddened to report the loss of classmate **Alex Ryng**. We extend our condolences to his family. • Please continue to share your adventures. We love to hear what you've been up to!

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REUNION CLASS **Ben Schiffer** has been working for Cirque du Soleil's *La Nouba* in Orlando for a year and a half and is now working on one of Cirque's touring shows, *Corteo*. He is working on the show in Cordoba and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He's really excited to learn a new show with the company. • **Alex Oberg** has gone back to school, working for MIT for the past two years as a GIS and maps specialist. He married Carla Cevasco '11 on August 22 at Boston City Hall. A celebration will follow this August. • Finally, it is with great sorrow that we share the news of the loss of our classmate, **Sophie Dorot**. Sophie passed away on August 9. We send our sympathy to her family and friends. • If you have any other updates, please don't hesitate to reach out to **Tim Henderson** or **Hannah Burnett**. And if you are interested in becoming a class correspondent, please reach out—we are looking for additional support!

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We'd like to wish the best of luck to our classmates who are back in school! **Alicia Wright** is pursuing an MFA in poetry at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. • **Sarah Helland** started her

first year of an MD/MPH combined degree at Tulane Medical School, where she is loving New Orleans! • After working for a private equity firm, Symmetric Capital, in Waltham, Mass., for the past three years, **Carl Culicchia** has joined the Harvard Business School MBA program and will graduate in 2016. • **Michael Pappa** recently began teaching at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, Conn. He lives in Norwalk. • **Eleanor Horowitz** writes, "This winter I've reached my two-year mark in India working at Unitus Seed Fund, a venture capital firm focused on social impact. Hopefully 2015 will see my return to the U.S.!" • **Mark Esposito** has been working on establishing a new medical news site that discusses current progress in the biomedical research field. Check out his work at www.breakingbio.org. • **Jessica Spar** has been working at About.com. The site has recently undergone a major redesign and Jessica explains, "It's been around since the '90s and gets more users than Pandora, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Netflix. About.com also attracts more men than ESPN, more women than HGTV and InStyle, and more teens than MTV. That being said, the name recognition has been pretty low and users have often left the site pretty quickly because of the design—until now." She is excited to be working on the social media team as part of the effort to make About.com relevant in the social space. • **Seavron Banus** writes, "I've been three years with Kaiser Assoc. (a business strategy consulting firm in D.C.) and recently became one of the co-heads of our telecom and operational performance practice. For the last year or so I have been working with clients all over the Americas and spending about half of my time on client sites in Peru and Chile. Outside of work, I've been making a point to stay active and go on adventures as much as possible—in August I took a trip backpacking around Spain and Morocco with **Sean Mann-O'Halloran**." • **Molly Drane** recently moved back from South America after being in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Bogotá, Colombia, since graduation, and has begun a small food start-up in Massachusetts with her husband, who is from Colombia. They make and sell Colombian stuffed *arepas* at farmers' markets, and use local and gluten-free ingredients. You can check them out online at dondethiago.com. • **Emmanuelle Saliba** writes, "After college I went to work for CBS News and wrote for *Billboard*, where I spent about a year before moving over to *Time* for short stint in PR. Now I'm a digital reporter at NBC News in New York and continue to work on a website I maintain with other Middlebury friends called 'Ignite the Sound.'" • Finally, a very warm congratulations to **Carla Cevasco** and Alex Oberg '10, who were married at Boston City Hall on August 22. A celebration will follow in August 2015. • Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2015! As always, we'd be thrilled to hear from you—please send notes or updates to midd2011@gmail.com anytime!

1 Jennifer Lally '10 and David Ozimek '09 were married at Tumblebrook Country Club in Bloomfield, Conn., on September 28, 2013. Middlebury friends and family who celebrated with them included David Lally '78, Dan Rosmarin '09, Bob Lally '73, Chuck Clark '73, Luke Cunningham '11, Anna Rosenblatt '10, Samantha Maytag '10, Molly Elmer-DeWitt '10, Katie Remington '10, Emma Johnson '10, the newlyweds, Dylan Graetz '08, Avery LaChance '08, Sean Denny '09, Laurel Wickberg '09, Mary Chiles '09, Qia Qia Wu '08, and Ben Estabrook '09. 2 Kevin Murphy '98 and Anne Zrenda wed on September 22, 2013, at Ravine Vineyard in St. Davids, Ontario. In attendance were Leslie McCormick Tate '85, Timothy Weld '98, the newlyweds, Aditya Raval '98, and Pooja Kadakia Raval. 3 In November 2013 a group of 1991 classmates had a mini-reunion in Boston and attended the Red Sox World Series Parade: Nicola Bradley Evans, Tracey Spruce, Sairey Leone Luterman, and Lucy Randolph Liddell.

4 Friends from the Class of 1980 (and '81) gathered together to attend the musical *Pippin* on Broadway: Lisa Toland Rowley, Rosie Agnew LaBonte, Joan O'Brien, Anna Gebelein Keegan, Tricia Harris Gleicher, Martha Bryan '81, Norah Wallace Sullivan, Linda Loeb Bearman, and Laura LeFever Armour. 5 Many Midd skiers attended the first annual reunion of seven Eastern ski academies in Park City, Utah, and posed for a photo together: PJ Spaulding (non-Midd photo bomber), Ingrid Punderson Jackson '88, Martha Punderson Graf '85, David Graf '85, (second row) Jamie Preston '85, Andy Bird '88, Shawn Miele '88, and Terra Reilly '95.

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12 Greetings, Class of 2012 and 2012.5! Thanks for sending in your updates. Many of us are heading off to or continuing grad school all across the country, including **Amy Prescott** who started medical school at Georgetown Univ., **Emmy Masur** who started medical school at the Univ. of Maryland in Baltimore, and **Amanda Powers** who started a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program at the Univ. of New England in Portland, Maine. • Additionally, **Vincent Recca** reports, "I am excited to join the ranks of Midd alums in law school. I am studying at the Univ. of Texas School of Law, located in Austin, Texas. It's beautiful but I wish there were more Midd Kids down here. Anyone is welcome to visit at any time!" • **Mutothori Mugo** is heading into his last year of grad school at UC Berkeley. He also recently launched an online curated gallery for East African art, which he is working on with classmate **Dane Verret.** Check out their website at www.afroart.us. • **Mona Quarless** says, "I relocated to Nashville, Tenn., this summer to attend Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development. I am pursuing an MEd in child studies: empirical research track. In addition, I am working as a research assistant at Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital in the gastrointestinal division. Still keeping busy, ultimately hoping to pursue a PhD in clinical psychology." • **Jessie Williamson** has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study ecology and migration of threatened parakeets in Ecuador. In October she headed to the cloud forest to conduct the first full-breeding-season study on golden-plumed-parakeet reproductive biology, and this spring she hopes to outfit several parakeets with radio transmitter collars to track their nomadic movements. She will work with a local nonprofit to incorporate the results of her research into ongoing conservation efforts for these birds and hopes to make a positive impact on their conservation in southern Ecuador. • **Ryan Sharry** was featured in the *Boston Globe* last summer about his play on the T71 Dudelange basketball team in Luxembourg, where he led the team to its second straight title, defeating Amicale 86-80 in the deciding game of a three-game series. In his second season playing basketball in Europe, Ryan averaged 18 points per game and led the team with 13.7 rebounds per game. • And that's all for now! Great to hear from you all, and please keep the updates coming!

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13 **Elma Burnham** is working as an English language assistant in two primary schools on the French Caribbean island of Martinique. She'll be practicing French, learning Creole, and teaching English through April. She plans to return to the commercial salmon fishing grounds in Bristol Bay, Alaska, soon after this experience abroad. • **Erik Benepe** has recorded an album of duets with François Clemmons, consisting of the two of them singing folk/blues arrangements of spirituals, accompanied by Erik's guitar playing. The album can be streamed and downloaded at erikbenepe.bandcamp.com. • **Corinne Prevot** continues to build the hat company she founded, Skida, as it makes headwear and employs Vermonters. Skida was recently featured in Grind TV and was a finalist for Martha Stewart American Made. • **Jon Portman** and Evan Deutsch '12 founded Oxbow Creative, a development firm specializing in animation and motion graphics. Oxbow Creative is based in Burlington, Vt. • **Cayla Marvil** is a cofounder of Lamplighter Brewing Co., a new brewery opening in Cambridge, Mass., this summer. • **Tori Anderson** spent six months working in Katmai National Park and Preserve in Alaska on the exotic plant management team, which traveled to various locations around the 14 million-acre park, inventorying and controlling invasive plants. • **Anna Ready-Campbell** codirected the Sable Project, an artist residency in Stockbridge, Vt. The Sable Project couples the forces of unbridled creativity with a radical, off-grid environment in order to push the participating artists and idea makers to their unknown potential. • **Carly Shumaker** resides in a sunny Craftsman in L.A.'s Echo Park neighborhood with three musicians and a friendly black cat. She works as the production lead for a quickly growing artisanal candle company, P.F. Candle Co., located in the Arts District of downtown L.A. • **Martin Sweeney** is enjoying his second year as a research analyst with Innovations for Poverty Action, a global poverty research NGO based in New Haven, Conn. On an August afternoon, he was pleased to see fellow WRMC alum Anjali Merchant '12 moving into an apartment just across the street! Small world.

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14 **Henry Bell** sent news about an environmental conservation and research expedition titled With the Winds, which he cofounded with colleague Grant Bemis. They are spending four months in the Caribbean on a Tartan 37c sailboat, outfitted with solar panels and a wind turbine. In addition to the research they are conducting for several large international organizations, they also took aboard Kerry Daigle '15 for her J-term Independent Study. To learn more about what they are doing, check out withthewinds.com. • **Vivian Cowan**, **Peter Mattson**, and **Hannah Ostrow** have volunteered to be class correspondents. You can send them your updates at the addresses below.

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35 **Marjorie Clark Headley**, 100, of San Diego, Calif., on February 11, 2014. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she went into banking after raising her sons and retired from Community First National Bank in Pleasanton, Calif., in 1987 after 20 years. Preceded in death by husband Francis, she is survived by sons Philip and Donald and two grandsons.

38 **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, 97, of Shelburne, Vt., on January 8, 2014. After growing up in Turkey, where her father was a professor at Robert College, she attended Middlebury. She taught reading both before and after her children grew up and earned a master's at Boston Univ. in childhood education. She then spent many years working with children with learning disabilities. Predeceased by husband Frank, son Thomas, and granddaughter Katie, she is survived by sons Richard, James, and David '71, 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sisters Helen Ramsaur '37 and Ruth Coburn '39.

40 **Francis R. Nitchie Jr.**, 95, of Taunton, Mass., on February 5, 2014. During WWII he built gunnery trainers for the Navy and worked on underwater acoustics at Harvard. He spent 14 years working at the Underwater Ordnance Research Lab in State College, Pa., two years at Harvard Astrophysical Observatory, and 13 years at ITEK Corp. He retired from Lockheed Corp. in Maui, Hawaii, in 1983. Predeceased by wife Mary (Conger) and one granddaughter, he is survived by sons John, Carl, and Kenneth, daughters Mary and Beth, 11 grandchildren, including Douglas Campbell '06, and seven great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother George '43.

Marjorie Burditt Striker, 93, of Acton, Mass., on March 13, 2014. A Kappa Sigma at Middlebury, she had a lifelong career in teaching at several different high schools and colleges, retiring from the Lincoln-Sudbury (Mass.) School District. She is survived by daughters Nancy, Christina, Louisa, and Ellen, and nine grandchildren.

41 **Edith Ladd Evans**, 93, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., on December 13, 2013. A Phi Mu at Middlebury, she graduated with a degree in dietetics and worked as a dietician for several different hospitals over her career, retiring in 1984. Predeceased by husband Thomas, she is survived by sons Thomas and Peter, daughter Nancy, four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Hammond, Class of 1913, sister Mary Hair '39, and brother Hammond Jr. '50.

42 **Richard C. Davis**, 93, of Westminster, Md., on February 22, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Delta Kappa Epsilon and played football. During WWII he served in Naval Intelligence in D.C. and the Pacific. He worked for 33 years for the federal government in the Defense Intelligence Agency. Predeceased by wife Dorothy (Wendler), he is survived by daughters Sherry and Susan.

Theodore E. Russell, 93, of Mohawk, N.Y., on December 5, 2013. A member of Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury, he served in the Army during WWII, rising to captain, and surviving the Normandy Invasion. After graduating from the National Boy Scout Training School, he had a long career in executive positions with the Boy Scouts. He was a registered Boy Scout for 82 years. Predeceased by son Richard, he is survived by wife Jean (Hutchins), daughter Betsy, and three grandchildren.

43 **Carolyn Cole Byington**, 91, of North Richland Hills, Texas, on January 29, 2014. At Middlebury she was in Alpha Xi Delta. An active volunteer, she especially enjoyed the work she did with the Center for the Physically Limited while living in Tulsa, Okla. She and husband Bob '43, who survives her, had two children, Russell and Lynn, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edward N. Decker Jr., 92, of Marietta, Ga., on December 18, 2013. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he served in the Army Air Corps in WWII as a meteorologist with a B-17 bomber group in Italy. After the war he obtained a BS in electrical engineering from Lafayette College and worked 35 years with General Electric. He and wife Eunice (Bory) '41, who predeceased him, had two children, Laura '69 and Philip.

Janet Hooker Laine, 91, of Yarmouthport, Mass., on December 17, 2013. She was a Phi Mu at Middlebury and after graduation, worked in the radiation lab at MIT. She was an active volunteer over the years in the communities of Westwood and Orleans, Mass. Predeceased by first husband Don and second husband Roland, she is survived by daughters Susan, Nancy, and Julie, son Stephen, four granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

Patricia Rogers Prukop, 91, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 16, 2013. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she did substitute teaching, worked at the local radio station, and trained men on plantations on how to use their mobile radios while living on Maui. Moving to Oahu, she worked with the Honolulu Symphony. She and husband John '42 (who predeceased her) had four sons, Tim, Chris '67, Mick, and Greg.

Yvonne Golding Weinhardt, 91, of Dallas, Texas, on December 10, 2013. A Tri-Delta at Middlebury, she taught English and served as an American Red Cross volunteer during WWII. After her youngest child started school, she taught French and English in a Dallas high school for 18 years. Predeceased by husband Bill and daughter Linda, she is survived by sons John and Stephen, daughters Valerie and Andrea, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

44 **Winifred Witzigman Ballou**, 91, of Camden, N.Y., on January 2, 2014. Early in her career she taught French and Spanish, before working with her husband at the family businesses, Ballou Gas Systems, and Mad River Motel. She was a ham radio operator with an extra class license and in 1987 was named Central New York Ham of the Year. She is survived by husband Richard, sons Lawrence, David, George, Thomas, and Edward, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John B. Cadwell, 92, of Pittsford, Vt., on February 9, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Delta Kappa Epsilon and played basketball and tennis. During WWII he served in the European Theater, earning a Purple Heart. He had a long career in life insurance and was an active volunteer in his community and for the College. In 2009 Middlebury recognized him with the Alumni Plaque Award. He is survived by wife Mary (Allen), sons Ashley '70, Steven, Michael, Jared '76, Alden '80, and Jason, eight grandchildren, including Chris '06, Celia '14, and Parker '16, and one great-grandson. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father John, Class of 1897, mother Minnie (Burditt), Class of 1907, uncle John Parker, Class of 1901, and aunt Caroline Burditt Parker, Class of 1903.

Shirley West Johnson, 91, of Glen Arm, Md., on March 9, 2014. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she taught dance at Arthur Murray Studios for five years after graduating. After her eldest son was killed by a drunk driver, she became involved in Mothers Against Drunk Driving, serving as chapter president and state chairman and assisting victims. In 2000 she was named by MADD as one of the Top Twenty Difference Makers in the country. Predeceased by son Leight and daughter Sally '72, she is survived by husband Leight, sons Peter, Timothy, and Christopher, and seven grandchildren.

William D. Neale, 91, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on March 9, 2014. He was a Kappa Delta Rho at Middlebury. During WWII he served in the Army in the European Theater. He had a lifelong career as a realtor and served as president on the realtor boards of Connecticut and Florida. In 1950 he married Maxine Baker (who predeceased him) and helped raise her two sons.

45 **Earl L. Fox**, 90, of Baltimore, Md., on March 11, 2014. He was a Chi Psi while at Middlebury then joined the Navy during WWII, where he served as the navigator of the assault transport APA 87, USS *Niagara*. In 1956 he joined the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins Univ. as an associate mathematician and became a senior staff member while working in the Central Laboratory Assessment Division. He is survived by daughters Nance and Jane, and five grandchildren.

Marjorie Harwood Greer, 90, of Naples, Fla., on February 27, 2014. After college she worked in various businesses in NYC and Boston. When her children were all in school, she worked as a paraprofessional in the Concord, Mass., school system and in an administrative position for the Maynard schools. She was a trustee emerita of the American Institute for Economic Research. She is survived by husband James, daughters Cindy and Julie '83, sons Jim and David, five grandchildren, one step-grandchild, one great-granddaughter, and three step-great-grandchildren.

John J. McGarry, 89, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on December 11, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played basketball. During WWII he served in the Naval Air Corps in the Pacific Theater. With an MD from Yale School of Medicine, he practiced medicine for 43 years in Darien, Conn. He is survived by daughters Sharon, Susan, and Kathleen, and six grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brothers Richard '43 and Frederick '50 (both deceased), and nieces Martha McGarry Miller '73, Jane McGarry '79, and Judith McGarry '82.

Richard P. Merrill, 91, of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, on January 25, 2014. During WWII, he served as part of the Monuments Men group. He had a long career teaching languages at the high school level. He and his wife opened IMLE in Mexico, featuring teacher training, language, cooking, and summer school for private students. He later taught English to senior South Vietnamese military and retired from Haverhill (Mass.) High School. Predeceased by wife Maria (Marquez), he is survived by sons Dan and Robert, daughter Patricia, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

David C. Seeley, 90, of Middlebury, Vt., on February 9, 2014. During WWII he served in the Army in Germany and Austria. After earning a master's in biology from Middlebury and serving as an instructor, he taught at Spaulding High School in Barre, Vt., for 27 years. Predeceased by two brothers and two sisters, including Helen Seeley '29, he is survived by two nieces.

46 **Jean Crawford McKee**, 89, of New London, N.H., on December 12, 2013. At Middlebury

she was in Delta Delta Delta. She had a longtime career at Phillips Academy, serving as an admissions coordinator, director of admissions, and dean of studies for the summer session, day student counselor, tennis coach, and trustee of NYC's Oliver Program to recruit inner-city minority students. Predeceased by husband Peter '45, she is survived by son Peter, daughters Cynthia and Patricia, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Marilyn Stoke '49.

Dee Anne Bonsib Thomas, 89, of Winter Park, Fla., on February 12, 2014. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she graduated from West Virginia Univ. with a degree in psychology. After studying clinical psychology with Carl Rogers at the Univ. of Chicago, she transferred and received her master's from Columbia Univ. and also completed course work towards her doctorate. Predeceased by husband Jamie and daughters Denise and Marcia, she is survived by son James, daughter Dee Anne, four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

47 **Marjory Nelson Bench**, 88, of Venice, Fla., on January 2, 2014. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she moved to NYC after graduation to pursue a career in the publishing business. Preceding husband Robert in death by one day, she is survived by sons Bruce, Neal, and Jeffrey, and five grandchildren.

48 **Marguerite Stern Pratt**, 85, of Sandwich, Mass., on January 4, 2014. For eight years she was a translator clerk in the Brazilian Aeronautical Commission in Washington, D.C. She ran Sears General Store with her husband, taught at Riverview School in East Sandwich for 25 years, and worked as a proofreader for the *Cape Cod Times.* Predeceased by husband Robert '48, she is survived by sons David and Carl, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

49 **Harriet Miller Correll**, 87, of Houston, Texas, on February 16, 2014. After graduation she worked in NYC for *Newsweek* magazine. Moving to Houston in 1977, she worked part time for the Houston Convention Bureau and Theater Under the Stars, doing computer design work. She is survived by husband Alan, sons Peter and Jeff, daughter Diane, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

James H. MacCornack, 88, of Beverly, N.J., on December 24, 2013. During WWII he served in the Army in both Europe and the Philippines. At Middlebury he was in Alpha Sigma Psi. He was a senior VP of sales at Smith, Barney in Philadelphia until his retirement at 81. Predeceased by wife Elizabeth, he is survived by son Jonathan and daughter Katharine '82. Middlebury relatives include nephews Albert '72 and James Coffrin '75, niece Nancy Coffrin Furlong '75, great-nephews Seth Coffrin '02 and Graham Furlong '02, and great-niece Emily Furlong '04.

June Smith Mylin, 87, of Havre de Grace, Md., on March 3, 2014. After graduation she worked in research for the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, for RCA on their three-dot system of color TV, then as a mathematician for the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Predeceased by husband Donald, she is survived by daughter Leslie, son Mark, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Janice Hand Ranlet, 85, of Dalton, Pa., on December 9, 2013. She was an artist and musician and served as the organist and choir director in several churches. She is survived by husband Daniel, sons James, Kenneth, and Richard, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Merton H. Stevens, 90, of Eastham, Mass., on February 10, 2014. During WWII he served in the Navy. At Middlebury he was a member of Alpha Sigma Psi and played basketball and football. After a year of graduate studies at the Univ. of New Mexico, he began work with the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Washington, D.C., retiring as a chart editor in 1975. Predeceased by wife Dorothea (Wyllie), he is survived by son Paul, daughter Joanna, and one grandchild.

Lura Williams Wood, 86, of Delaware, Ohio, on March 5, 2014. She was a Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury. An active volunteer all her life, she worked with the Girl Scouts and her church, among many other organizations. For 14 months, she and her husband volunteered with a Methodist Church mission in Kentucky. Predeceased by husband George, she is survived by children Linda, Karen, and Jud, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

50 **Richard A. Boss**, 84, of Concord, Mass., on January 17, 2014. With a master's in chemical engineering, he spent his career in the pulp and paper industry, holding technical and management positions in a number of companies. Preceded in death by wife Marilyn (Raymond), he is survived by sons Richard, Stephen, and David, daughters Kathleen and Julia, and eight grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Julia Goodridge '46 and brother Thomas '52.

Hans Bruijnes, 86, of Livermore, Calif., on February 12, 2014. Born in Eindhoven, Netherlands, he attended Middlebury but received a degree in math from San Jose State. He was hired by Lawrence Livermore National Lab, where he worked as a computer programmer before moving into management, eventually becoming the deputy director of the National Magnetic Fusion Energy Computer Center. Predeceased by wife Marlise (Papendorf), he is survived by daughter Susan and son Ray.

DeWitt C. Drohat, 88, of Ellicott City, Md., on February 22, 2014. During WWII he served in the 13th Infantry Regiment 8th Infantry Division in the European Theater. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he went on to earn an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse Univ. He worked with a variety of federal programs in the Navy dept., Office of Economic Opportunity, Urban Renewal, and the Head Start program in specialist and program manager positions. He is survived by wife Phyllis (Applegate), sons Alex and Greg, and five grandchildren.

Joan Kent Warnke, 85, of Williamsburg, Va., on February 19, 2014. She earned a master's in nursing from Yale Univ. While living in Arizona, she served as a docent at the Phoenix Botanical Garden. She was the author of *Frogquest,* a children's book. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by sons John and Kevin, two grandsons, and one great-grandson.

51 **Gordon R. Britton**, 88, of Rochester, N.Y., on March 20, 2014. During WWII he served in the Navy. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he served again in the Korean War. He had a lifelong career with Britton Machinery Sales and served as VP and president. He was a member of the Rochester Yacht Club, where he raced competitively and served as commodore. Predeceased by wife Eleanor (Doxsee), he is survived by sons Gordon and Peter '80, daughter Elizabeth, and four grandchildren.

John J. Gilmore Jr., 87, of Greenfield, Mass., on March 13, 2014. During WWII he served in the Navy, assigned to the amphibious fleet. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he joined his father's business, the Gilmore Insurance Agency, after graduation, where he worked until retiring in 2003. He enjoyed painting and took many classes both at home and abroad. Predeceased by wife Helen (Reid) '51 and daughter Sarah Gordon '78, he is survived by sons Stuart, James '81, and Robert, and seven grandchildren.

Donald H. MacLean, 86, of Naples, Fla., on March 1, 2014. A veteran of the Navy, he was in Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury. He had a long career as a sales manager for the John M. Kirk Co. A loyal Middlebury volunteer, he was presented the Varsity Club Alumni Award in 1972. Predeceased by wife Priscilla (Wood) '50, he is survived by wife Barbara (Clyne), sons Andrew '76, Douglas '78, David, and John, daughters Ellen, Margaret, Katie, and Laura, 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

52 **Peter B. Flickinger**, 85, of Buffalo, N.Y., on January 23, 2014. A Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he joined the liquor division of S.M. Flickinger Co., a

food distribution and retail business, and worked there until 1984, serving as vice president and a member of the board of directors. During his career he was a leader in developing many chain and independent stores. He is survived by wife Genevieve, son Peter, daughters Alexandra and Heather, two stepdaughters, three grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

George C. Rapp, 83, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., on December 2, 2013. A Kappa Delta Rho member at Middlebury, he spent many years working at Travelers Insurance Co., retiring as assistant secretary of the group dept. in 1987. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol at Berkshire East. Survivors include wife Diane (Dunn) and daughter Laurie.

Joyce Ward Usher, 83, of Manchester, N.H., on December 31, 2013. With a master's degree in nursing from Columbia School of Nursing, she worked as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, N.Y. After raising her children, she became the discharge coordinator at Saratoga (N.Y.) Hospital. Predeceased by husband George '51 and son Timothy, she is survived by daughter Sandy, sons Gary, Michael, Russell, and Shawn, and eight grandchildren.

53 **Paul G. Hudson**, 82, of Windsor, Conn., on February 9, 2014. During the Korean War, he served in the Army in Korea. He worked in sales with the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co. and was very active as a volunteer in his community. He is survived by wife Corolyn (Johnson) '51, sons Paul and Marcus, daughters Lisa, Beth, Nancy '88, and Jane, and 12 grandchildren.

Dorothy Ransford Patch, 81, of Winslow, Ariz., on February 21, 2014. An Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury, she earned an MEd from Worcester (Mass.) State College and worked as a school librarian and in the public library in Rutland, Mass. Moving to Arizona, she became the librarian for the city of Winslow. Predeceased by husband Samuel '54, she is survived by son Jeffrey, daughter Susan, and two grandsons.

Cedric E. Sherrer Jr., 83, of Green Valley, Ariz., on December 24, 2013. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, which he attended on a ski scholarship, he was stationed in Garmisch, Germany, with the Army and participated in world-class ski races. He spent his career in the ski retail industry in Lake Tahoe, eventually opening his own ski shop, the Sugar House. After retiring from his business, he worked in Oregon in real estate. He is survived by wife Susan (Gorman).

Patricia Tyler Turner, 82, of Ipswich, Mass., on December 14, 2013. After obtaining a certificate in social work from Middlesex Community College, she worked for 14 years at the Beaverbrook Guidance Center's Therapeutic Preschool in Belmont, Mass. Moving to Ipswich, she volunteered for 15 years at the Ipswich Museum and served as town historian. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by children Emily, Susan, and Benjamin, and seven grandchildren.

William L. Wagner Jr., 82, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on November 28, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Delta Upsilon and played basketball. He spent two years serving in the Army in France, before beginning his career at MassMutual in Springfield, Mass. In 1982 he joined National Life of Vermont, retiring in 1993 as a senior VP. Survivors include wife Jan (Schongar) '53, daughter Meredith, son Reid, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother James '57 and niece Joyce Wagner '98.

54 **Roger S. Colton**, 81, of North Oaks, Minn., on January 2, 2014. At Theta Chi at Middlebury, he also played baseball and basketball. With an MD from UVM's College of Medicine, he served as a captain and flight surgeon in the Air Force then was a fellow in internal medicine and rheumatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He practiced medicine for over 30 years in St. Paul, specializing in internal medicine and rheumatology while maintaining a research, teaching, and academic career. He is survived by wife Judith (Zecher) '55, sons Timothy '77, Seth '78, Daniel, and Joshua '87, daughter Rebekah, and 10 grandchildren.

Doris Sturtevant Peck, 81, of New Canaan, Conn., on December 25, 2013. At Middlebury she was in Pi Beta Phi. She was an active volunteer and substitute teacher and in her 50s began a career as a travel agent. She is survived by daughters Julie Harvey '79 and Jennifer Orluck, and two grandchildren.

Maureen Kane Steinecke, 81, of Silver Spring, Md., on January 27, 2014. A Kappa Delta at Middlebury, she earned her Master of Library Science from Pratt Institute and worked in the children's dept. of the D.C. Public Library. In 1973 she was elected to the Prince George's County Board of Education, resigning in 1979 to become executive director of the Maryland Assoc. of Boards of Education. Retiring in 1981, she and her husband formed Steinecke Assoc., which assisted governing boards. She is survived by husband Charles '54, son John '82, daughters Ann and Patricia, and two granddaughters.

Edgar J. Wholey Jr., 83, of Harmony, R.I., on March 13, 2014. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and was assigned to the Chemical, Biological, and Radiological School in Etajima, Japan. He owned the former Wholey Boiler Co. in Providence for 35 years. He is survived by wife Geraldine (Dolan), sons Michael, Edgar, and Stephen, daughter Joanne, and five grandchildren.

Margaret Moreau Willett, 81, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, England, on January 11, 2014. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she also worked on the *Campus,* serving as managing editor her junior year. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, she moved to England, where she was a junior reporter for a weekly newspaper. She also wrote a weekly column for her family-owned newspaper in New Jersey called "Letter from Britain." Predeceased by husband Peter, she is survived by sons John and Peter, daughters Anne and Susan, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include father Howard '20 (deceased), sisters Dale Killinger '49, Anne Thomas '51, and Janet Levesley '59 (deceased), niece Catherine Thomas Langley '75, nephews John '77 and Howard Thomas '83, and great-niece Sarah Thomas '14.

55 **Anne Johnson Clark**, 80, of Manset, Maine, on January 30, 2014. At Middlebury she was in Pi Phi and participated in choir. While raising her children, sons John, Thomas, and Robert and daughter Valerie, she was an active volunteer in her community.

Joan Patterson Woodsum, 79, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on February 2, 2014. An Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury, she spent a year at Yale Law School before marrying. An active volunteer, she was very involved with the Portland Symphony and served as a director with Sun Savings and Loan Assoc. She authored *Presenting Portland,* a guidebook. She is survived by husband Ed, daughters Lee, Rae, and Alix, son Doug '82, and three grandchildren.

56 **Linda Donk Gray**, 77, of Portland, Ore., on December 4, 2013. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she also served as Winter Carnival queen. After many years of volunteer activity, she earned a secondary teaching certificate from Portland State Univ. and taught at various levels. She is survived by husband Robert, sons John and Richard, daughters Margery and Amy, and four grandchildren.

Tommy A. Papke, 79, of Beaumont, Calif., on January 15, 2014. He had a long career as a real estate broker and worked from 1983–1993 as an aide to actor Marlon Brando. He was an accomplished pianist and computer-repair genius. He is survived by son Randall, daughter Stephanie, and several grandchildren.

58 **Weston F. Cowles**, 81, of Rensselaer, N.Y., on February 3, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Delta Kappa Epsilon, where he was president senior year. He served in the Army as a sergeant first class in Korea. With a lifelong career in banking, he began as a trainee at National Commercial Bank in Albany and rose to senior VP. He retired from First American Bank of New York as administrative VP, heading upstate branches. Survivors include longtime companion

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

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Raymond F. Brainard Jr. '38 . . . . . September 24, 2014
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Roger S. Arnold '42 . . . . . September 1, 2014
Howard R. Friedman '43 . . . . . September 10, 2014
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Edwin C. Hubbard '48 . . . . . August 19, 2014
Wendel H. Agne '49 . . . . . November 2, 2014
John S. D'Aquila '49 . . . . . August 14, 2014
Casimiro Barquin '49 . . . . . September 16, 2014
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Barbara Wood Brown '50 . . . . . August 30, 2014
Thomas F. Darge '50 . . . . . January 3, 2015
Patricia Cloutier Eddy '50 . . . . . October 4, 2014
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Charles F. Hoffman '51 . . . . . December 3, 2014
John R. Walsh '51 . . . . . September 27, 2014
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Frederick T. Brooks '53 . . . . . October 28, 2014
Marilyn Mackie Frankenbach '53 . . . December 24, 2014
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Robert N. Bickford '55 . . . . . December 10, 2014
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Barbara Worfolk Porter '56 . . . . . December 1, 2014
Karen Dooley Bower '57 . . . . . July 18, 2014
Carol G. Foresman '57 . . . . . December 15, 2014
Whitney M. Grant '57 . . . . . November 6, 2014
William J. McMurray '57 . . . . . December 30, 2014
Herbert P. Wieboldt '57 . . . . . March 14, 2014
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William H. Kelley '58 . . . . . October 27, 2014
Ronald H. Anderson '59 . . . . . August 22, 2014
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Rebecca Silliman Boardman '70 . . . . November 15, 2014
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Charles F. O'Sullivan '74 . . . . . November 15, 2014
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Allison Brown-Cestero '77 . . . . . September 24, 2014
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Patricia O'Reilly Khoury, MA English '53 . . . . . October 26, 2014
Kathryn A. Curran, MA English '57 . . November 14, 2014
M. Margaret Sherry, MA English '65 . November 23, 2014
Nelson R. Barnes, MA English '95 . . . October 17, 2014
Mary E. Weber, MA French '48 . . . . . August 25, 2014
Josephine Zananiri Traylor, MA French '52 . . . . . October 1, 2014
Helen Graig Sousa, MA French '56 . . September 19, 2014
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Theophile W. Brown, MA French '85 . December 24, 2011
Elaine Primavera Kraus, MA German '72 . . . . . September 15, 2014
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Leon J. Kovar, MA Spanish '62 . . . . September 30, 2014
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Kyoko Yoshino Bourns, MAIPS '99 . . November 25, 2014
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Susan H. Mayer, MATESOL '14 . . . . . January 9, 2015
Harsh N. Varma, MBA '14 . . . . . December 6, 2014

Shirley Hart, daughters Jill and Julia, two grandchildren, and former wife Jane (Penney) '56.

59 **Deborah Bruce Halverson**, 76, of Reston, Va., on February 21, 2014. A Theta Chi Omega at Middlebury, she had a career in the publishing field as a writer, editor, and production manager. Predeceased by husband Richard and son John, she is survived by son Peter, daughters Cathryn and Priscilla, and four grandchildren.

James D. McGowan, 75, of Normal, Ill., on March 7, 2014. With a PhD in English from Rutgers Univ., he taught English and humanities at Illinois Wesleyan Univ. until retiring in 2000. He was the author of a book of poems, *Each Other—Where We Are,* and published translations of the poems of Charles Baudelaire and Wolfgang Borchert. He is survived by wife Anne (Weston) '59, sons Andrew and Michael, daughter Caitlin, and three grandsons.

Theodore N. Parker, 76, of Skowhegan, Maine, on January 17, 2014. At Middlebury he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and on the track team. He earned an MA in psychology from the Univ. of Alabama before joining the Air Force in 1963 and serving until 1969. He attended Logan Chiropractic College and in 1972 began his practice as a chiropractor in Skowhegan. Predeceased by son Mark, he is survived by son Theodore, daughter Angela, six grandchildren, and partner Brenda LeBlond.

60 **Peter E. Battelle**, 75, of Williston, Vt., on December 15, 2013. A Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, he earned an MBA from Columbia Univ. and served in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer. He worked at Price Waterhouse for eight years before joining the faculty at UVM, where he taught accounting for 37 years. He also helped develop study abroad programs between UVM and universities abroad. He is survived by wife Jean (Emrich) '60, daughters Torey '85, Ann '89, and Claire '94, son Thomas '88, and four grandchildren.

61 **Thomas N. Dabney**, 75, of Dover, Mass., on January 4, 2014. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after college, stationed in Europe. With an MBA from Harvard, he joined the wealth management firm Welch & Forbes in 1972 and worked there until retiring as a partner in 2006. He is survived by wife Virginia (Robinson), sons Thomas '93 and George '95, daughter Virginia, and three grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include nephew Reid Payne '89.

62 **Paul L. Butler III**, 72, formerly of Leicester, Mass., on March 20, 2014. After working in banking, he earned a master's degree and certificate

of advanced studies from UMass Amherst and began a career in teaching. He is survived by brother Eugene and his family.

64 **Donald F. Carr**, 71, of Easthampton, Mass., on March 20, 2014. A Phi Kappa Tau at Middlebury, he was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He had a long career as an accountant with Wallace Tax in Northampton, Mass., and was an IRS enrolled agent. He is survived by wife Karen, son Nicholas, stepdaughter Sara, and three grandchildren.

65 **Dennis J. Harrington**, 70, of Jefferson, Mass., on December 11, 2013. At Middlebury he was in Sigma Epsilon and played football and lacrosse. He worked as a sales representative for Olin Ski, Bauer, Nike, and other sporting companies. He was in charge of the U.S. operations of Look Binding Co. He is survived by ex-wife Carol, son Jed, his mother, sister, and five nieces and nephews.

66 **Robert E. Adamec**, 69, of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, on February 11, 2014. At Middlebury he was in Zeta Psi, where he served as president. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in psychology, he earned a master's and PhD from McGill Univ. He was a professor of psychology at Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland. He is survived by wife Aileen Macdonald.

73 **Samuel P. Farrow**, 62, of Watsonville, Calif., on January 24, 2014. He was a skilled craftsman and a dedicated volunteer in the local school community. He is survived by wife Karen and son Samuel.

78 **Melissa T. Hochschild**, 57, of Bend, Ore., on March 5, 2014. With an MBA from Boston Univ., she worked for several advertising firms in NYC and Los Angeles. Moving to Bend, she started her own marketing business, Bend Focus, and served as VP of communications and visitor services at the High Desert Museum. She is survived by son Henry, her parents, three siblings, and life friend, Mark Waldie.

STAFF

Max P. Petersen, 80, of Middlebury, Vt., on September 22, 2014. After studying at UVM, he worked as a reporter in Connecticut and served two years in the Army Special Forces. In 1962 he began working at the College as the news service editor, a position that became sports information director, which he held until 1991. In addition he was one of Vermont's most revered historians, writing histories of Salisbury, glassmaking, Lake Dunmore, and Shard Villa. Predeceased by wife Rosemary (Provencher), he is survived by daughter Karen, her husband Kurt, and one granddaughter.

Malcolm Snelgrove, 78, of Northfield, Vt., on November 4, 2014. A professional paperhanger and painter, he began working at the College in 1976 as a painter and retired in 1994. He then spent time training dogs for Guiding Eyes and was an award-winning carver of ducks and birds. He loved fly-fishing, hunting, traveling, and golf. He is survived by wife Margaret (McMullan), children Maureen, Malcolm, and Miccal, and four grandchildren.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

51 **Cameron M. Baird**, 87, MA Chemistry, of Cohasset, Mass., on November 23, 2013. He served in the Navy during WWII, stationed in the Pacific on the destroyer, USS *Harwood.* He was a chemist with Baird and McGuire, retiring as president in 1993. He then worked for Drexel Chemical Co. in Memphis, Tenn., until 1999.

52 **Ross L. Foertmeyer**, 90, MA German, of Richmond, Va., on August 23, 2013. During WWII he served in the Army Air Force as a ground station radio operator in Europe. He had a long career as a lawyer.

54 **Clifford J. Gallant**, 87, MA Spanish, of Mesa, Ariz., on October 14, 2013. During WWII he served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific. He began his teaching career at the high school level before teaching at Bowling Green State Univ. then Scottsdale Community College.

55 **Edward H. Bourque**, 88, MA French, of Southport, Conn., on December 16, 2013. After service in WWII, he taught in France. He devoted 63 years to education, both as a teacher and administrator in Rhode Island, New York, and Connecticut.

Edgar A. Gauthier, 81, MA French, of Northbridge, Mass., on November 24, 2013. He taught English in Cambodia and Laos in the early 1960s. He was a teacher and administrator at the Bancroft School in Worcester, Mass., for over 30 years.

Thomas F. Haupt, 84, MA Spanish, of Hilton Head, S.C., on September 21, 2013. He served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He taught Spanish for 35 years at Towson Univ. in Maryland.

58 **Peter W. Stites**, 86, MA Spanish, of Terrace Park, Ohio, on October 16, 2013. He taught Spanish at Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati from 1958–1985.

59 **Frances L. Thompson**, 77, MA French, of New York, N.Y., on December 30, 2013. She taught high school French for 12 years then was employed by Transworld Art Corp. and spent the last 30 years of her career as social secretary for Iris Cantor of Cantor-Fitzgerald & Co.

64 **Janet Quagenti Leuci**, 71, MA Italian, of Saugus, Mass., on November 20, 2013. She was a longtime foreign language educator at the high school and college levels. In 2005 she was named Saugus's Woman of the Year.

66 **J. Ernest Belanger**, 78, MA Spanish, of Madrid, Spain, on October 22, 2013. He taught at the high school level and at Marist College before a long career at the American School in Madrid.

69 **Stefan Werba**, 86, MA Russian, of Woodcliff, N.J., on October 29, 2013. Born in Ukraine, he came to the U.S. in 1951. He served in the Air Force from 1952–56 and the Air Force Reserve until 1960. He had a lifelong career in teaching at Ridgewood (N.J.) High School, retiring in 1990.

71 **Larry L. Bedell**, 71, MA Spanish, of Springfield, Va., on November 1, 2013. He taught for three years in the Spanish dept. at West Point. He then served as an intelligence analyst and spent 10 years in Central America as a military attaché.

75 **Carmela Melucci**, 84, MA Italian, of Morristown, N.J., on September 11, 2013. She made her religious profession in 1952 and first taught elementary school in several dioceses then taught languages at the high school level and college level.

77 **Michelle Barnes Infanger**, 69, MA French, of Ballwin, Mo., on October 15, 2013. She worked as a reporter for several years before earning certification in secondary school and Montessori education and substitute teaching.

85 **Theophile W. Brown**, 86, MA French, of Richmond, Va., on December 24, 2011. Ordained to the priesthood in 1956, he was the first Afro-American priest ordained from the Diocese of Richmond. He taught for many years in the Bahamas.

86 **Marion Lignana Rosenberg**, 51, MA Italian, of New York, N.Y., on November 28, 2013. She was a multilingual writer, music critic, and translator whose works appeared in various outlets in NYC from WQXR to *Time Out New York.*

96 **Wendy N. Greenberg**, 61, MA Spanish, of Fogelsville, Pa., on August 28, 2013. She taught French and Spanish, headed up the modern language dept., and was professor emerita of Penn State's Lehigh Valley campus.

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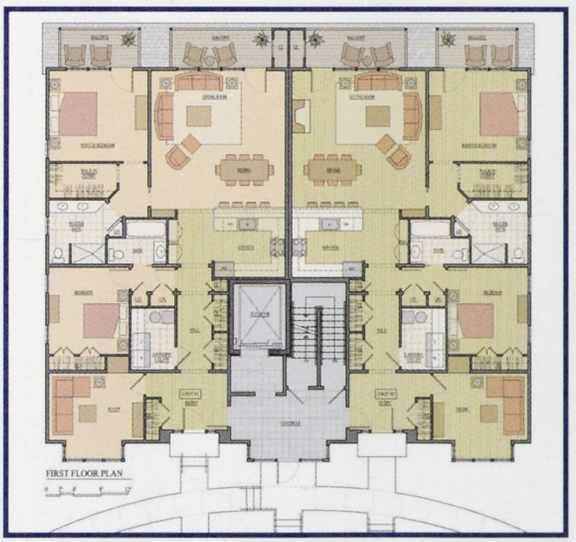

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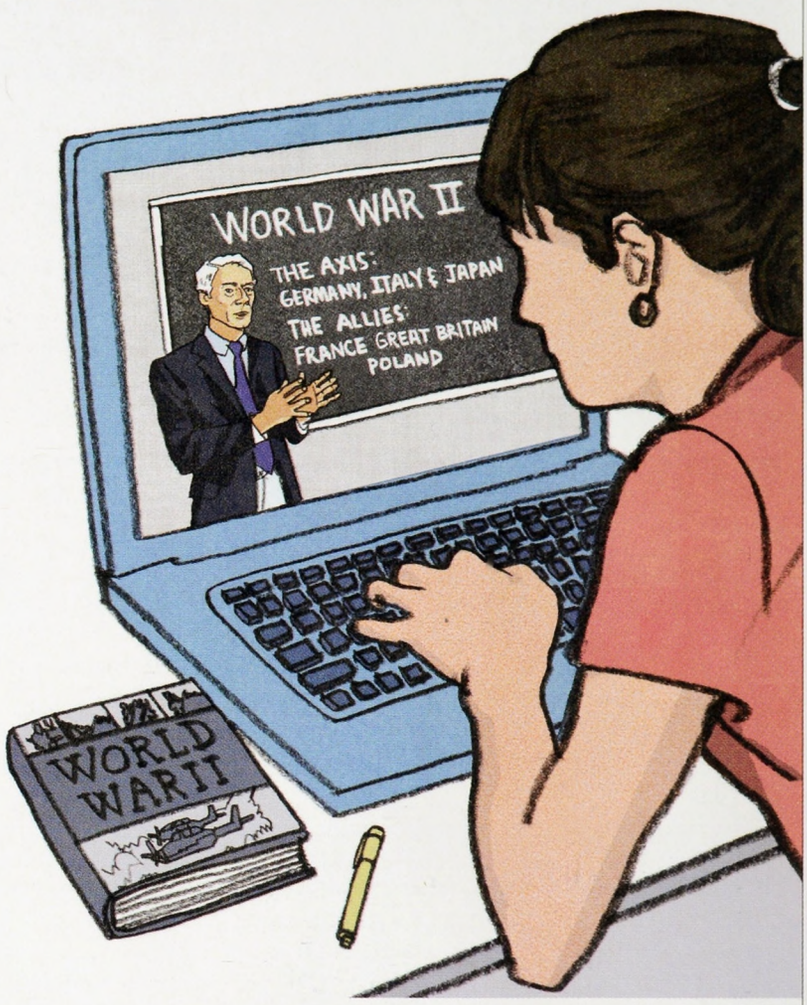

By Russ Leng '60

My Close-Up

Despite nearly 50 years of experiences teaching in lecture halls and seminar rooms, I have found preparing and teaching an online course—Years of Upheaval: Diplomacy, War, and Social Change, 1919–1945—to be full of surprises. Here, my five stages of online teaching.

Stage 1: Excessive Exuberance
It begins with Susan Baldridge, Middlebury's vice president for strategy and planning, giving a presentation about the interesting things one could do in an online course. Susan is recruiting faculty to teach. I'm an emeritus professor, enjoying retirement and with time on my hands and curiosity to burn. *I like being the first to do something new. And how hard can it be? I'll just add a few additional sessions and some extra PowerPoint slides to my Alumni College course on World War II.* Next the documentary instruction company In the Telling (ITT) gives a presentation. *Nice. They can jazz it up and handle the technology for me. A deadline of late August? Okay, so I miss a few golf dates.*

Stage 2: Reality Bites
Technological benefits come with costs. I'm told that people have, at maximum, nine-minute attention spans when it comes to watching talking heads on computer screens, which means adding more images, videos, and music to the slides. *All right, I can do that.* All the visual items have to be broadcast quality. *Uh-oh.* I also need to add about 150 or so "transmedia links" to information "off canvas" to supplement the lecture materials. *What?* And we need copyright clearances for each of the roughly 300 items. Soon I am spending all my waking hours searching for new materials and their copyright holders. The files are to be shared with ITT through Dropbox. *What the hell is Dropbox?* I'm now conducting a full-time research project. My wife, who only recently joined me in retirement, is beginning to feel lonely. Meanwhile, the August deadline looms.

Stage 3: They're Ready for My Close-Up
I anticipate the filming taking two weeks. With one session a day, I can catch my breath after each class and prepare for the next. In fact, the filming is squeezed into five days, with two sessions a day being the norm. There are more new challenges, such as makeup. *That's a first.* The biggest challenge is attempting to communicate with an inanimate object—the camera—after decades of relying on cues from students' reactions. *It never laughs. It never groans. It just stares.* But I find my stride after a couple of sessions, and the ITT crew gives me positive reinforcement. *I do love compliments, sincere or not.*

Stage 4: Editing and Cringing
If I thought I was uncomfortable during the filming, I'm even more so watching myself on film during the editing phase. My first reaction is relief. *Hey, I don't look all that old. Good, no verbal crutches or uptalk. Nice ITT enhancements.* But with the benefit of hindsight via not-quite-instant replay, I find myself wanting to phrase things differently, to spend more time on a particular line of thought. *Too late.* The producers assure me this is both a natural reaction and unnecessary worrying. They think the material is great.

Stage 5: The Premiere
Still to come, and I'd rather not think too much about it. You be the judge.

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